

SBE School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Home Learning

15 January 2021



WELCOME

It's been some time since I wrote an introduction to a Home Learning Newsletter and to be honest I hoped that I wouldn't have to...but the situation is what it is! I appreciate that the recently announced lockdown measures will have invoked a variety of emotions for you and your family. My first thought for my family was whether or not we could source a laptop from somewhere as trying to share technology between the four of us throughout the summer 2020 lockdown was a real challenge! I soon realised that actually, the most important thing for my family and I is that we remain positive and work together in spite of the challenges ahead.

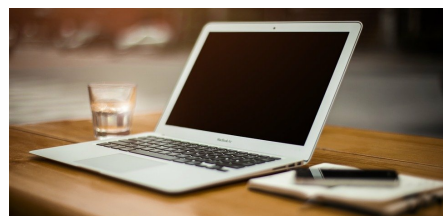
This message also applies to our Shenley Brook End School community. If we remain positive, work together and communicate effectively we can make the very best of a challenging situation. We look forward to working with you all over the coming weeks as together we can achieve anything!

Paul Davis - Assistant Headteacher

REMOTE LEARNING

Our remote learning provision on Microsoft Teams continues to be a mix of live lessons and more independent learning through posted resources, pre-recorded videos, quizzes, assignments, online notebooks, virtual eye spy and much more! Each lesson we hope offers a mix of experiences and we encourage our students to interact with teachers and their peers, working in small groups, independently and offline (as we encourage students to have some time away from screens). Students can expect their remote learning on average to take 5 hours daily and look out going forward for more details of our enrichment and extension programme.

Mrs Peskett



ATTENDANCE TO LIVE LESSONS

Our expectation is that every student should be attending, and participating in, the following sessions each day:

- **Daily registration period with their tutor - 9.00am**
- **Period 1 – 09.30am**
- **Period 2 – 11.30am**
- **Period 3 – 1.30pm**

Staff are now taking registers in Go4schools to monitor attendance and help us to intervene where engagement is below standard. If you receive a phone call with the **caller ID** blocked, it could be a member of staff, such as a Year Leader or Form Tutor, enquiring about your son/daughter as part of our wellbeing phone calls or enquiring to see how we might be able to further support you in order to improve attendance at live lessons.

Please can you help us by ensuring that your son/daughter attends every live lesson. If this is an issue, then we encourage students to email the teacher in advance and for those really struggling to engage with work please drop the Year Leader an email as we might be able to help.

Parents /carers will also be able to access Go4schools and monitor your son/daughter's attendance to these lessons. If you do, the following coding is used.

- **X = student attended the lesson**
- **XN = student absent from the lesson**
- **XL = student late to the lesson**

If you require your log in details to be reset, please contact our data team on data@sbeschool.org.uk

WORKING ONLINE

Screen time will increase dramatically during lockdown as students look to connect with friends and family but do you know who your son or daughter is messaging on social media during the day or evening? With the increasing use of ICT at home it can be tempting for some to engage in inappropriate chats and conversations with other students. If students experience any online bullying, they should of course speak to you and highlight this. If you feel that we could support in any way please feel that you can contact us in the following ways:

- Form Tutor;
- Year Leader;
- Our dedicated anti bullying community email on:
anti-bc@sbeschool.org.uk

For further information about online bullying, please go to the [NSPCC](#) or [UThingUKnow](#).

TOP TIPS

Most smart phones can track the amount of **screen time** used each day. It can even give you a breakdown of how long each app has been active for. Take a look as you might be surprised. Many smart phones allow parents to put a **screen time limit** on the phone, or specific apps, such as Instagram or Tiktok. Why not consider setting an acceptable time for the phone to be inactive, for example between 8.30pm and 8.00am, to help children get a good nights sleep.

Mr Healy

SUPERB REMOTE LEARNING

It's important that wherever possible, we recognise and acknowledge outstanding effort, attitude and quality of work completed. We will be rewarding students who are engaging excellently with their remote learning. Through Go4Schools, students will be awarded 'Superb Remote Learning' points (SRLs) by their teachers for excellent engagement in lessons and completing the assigned tasks and homework well. Students can achieve bronze, silver and gold certificates for reaching SRL milestones, along with personal communications home and prizes for highest earners.

Please support us by encouraging your child to work towards achieving these rewards!

The total for the first two days of the SRL scheme was 1093. An amazing effort!

Mr Whitbread

EXAMINATIONS

We have a number of students that were preparing for external exams at the end of the year. We currently know the GCSE and A level exams are cancelled but we do not know what the plans are for all qualifications yet. We await formal guidance from OfQual and the Department for Education (DfE) about finalised plans for how centre assessment will work this year. Once OfQual have released information for us we will share this information and our response to the guidance with you.

We know that centre assessed grades will be awarded by teachers this year. We will be ensuring that all students are regularly assessed in their lessons before the end of the year in the normal way: homework, assignments on Teams and continuous assessment of class work. It is therefore essential that students continue to engage in lessons and work outside of the classroom.

We hope to run mock examinations in all subjects this year for Years 11 and 13. We expect students to continue to revise and prepare for these exams as our assessment of students will be partially informed by the outcome of these mock exams.

Mr McCluskey

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSMs)

If your child/children are eligible for Free School Meals and you have not received information from the school please contact:

finance@sbeschool.org.uk

Mr McCluskey



SMALL SCHOOL - KEY WORKER PROVISION

Our small school provision is into its second week and supports those parents who are critical workers. Students are following the live lesson timetable, mirroring what the students are learning from home. If you have any questions at all about the small school then please get in contact with Mr Southwell ssouthwell@sbeschool.org.uk. Please look out for the most up to date guidance on Critical workers, as we are doing our very best to provide a space for students in this challenging time.

Mr Southwell



PARENTS' EVENINGS


We look forward to meeting Year 8 parents on our school cloud (<https://shenleybrookend.schoolcloud.co.uk/>) for Year 8 Parents Evening on Thursday 21 January. You can book your appointments from Monday 18 January. If you are having difficulty logging on to the school cloud please contact our Year Leader for Year 8, Mrs Sullivan - jsullivan@sbeschool.org.uk.

Mr McCluskey

CONTACTING US

Please email the address below rather than phone the school switchboard as this will improve our ability to support you.

enquiries@sbeschool.org.uk



E-mail

TESTING CONSENT

We are continuing to collect Track and Trace registration information and Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing consent.

If you are yet to complete both of the following forms please complete the registration form and the consent form via the link to Microsoft Forms below.

- [Consent Form](#) - One per student. Please complete for all students as there is option to give/not give consent at the end of the form. You can withdraw this consent at any time. Note that students over 16 need to complete this themselves.
- [Registration Form](#) – One per student. Please complete for all students, even if you do not currently give consent for LFD testing.

If you are able to support our school by volunteering to help with LFD testing (administration, guiding students to swab, organising students...etc.) then please email enquiries@sbeschool.org.uk stating:

- Your name
- Mobile number and email details
- Days and times you are available each week

FINALLY

Please take care of yourself and your family.
We continue to wish you and your family a safe, healthy and productive time.

Please do get in touch if you would like any further support or advice.

Paul Davis – Assistant Headteacher

