



22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Update on *Remote Learning*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and students who responded to our request for feedback on our *Remote Learning* provision. Riddlesdown Collegiate is committed to ensuring our students receive an exceptional education, and whilst our current context means we are required to continually adapt and change our approaches to teaching & learning, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of excellence and will continue to refine; improve and develop our approaches to *Remote Learning*. With this in mind, and in response to the feedback we received from parents, students and staff, as well as emergent research and guidance, we have taken the decision to increase the number of synchronous (live) lessons students will receive on a weekly basis.

To reflect these changes your son/daughter's timetable has been updated to show the increase in synchronous lessons. As before, all lessons that will be delivered synchronously will be indicated by '**LIVE**' in place of the room the lesson would have been taught in onsite. Teachers will continue to clearly label each lesson that is scheduled on Google Classroom – so students are able to easily locate the relevant links and information. Your child's revised timetable will be uploaded to Parent Portal by the end of today and both you and your son/daughter will also receive their timetable via email. To accommodate these additional lessons; some synchronous lessons will have to be scheduled during Period 7 (please see the timings of the day below). To avoid scheduling any synchronous lessons during Period 1, we have moved these lessons to Period 7 for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

9.15am – 9.30am Tutor Period (Mon & Thurs)
9.30am – 10.10am Period 2
10.40am – 11.20am Period 3
11.30am – 12.10pm Period 4
12.50pm – 1.30pm Period 5
1.40pm – 2.20pm Period 6
2.30pm – 3.10pm Period 7 (or Period 1 for KS3)

In addition to *Remote Learning*, our onsite provision continues to provide for vulnerable students and the children of key workers. To ensure this provision fully supports the delivery of synchronous lessons; from Monday 25th January, students will be dismissed slightly later at 3.10pm to allow for any live lessons taking place during Period 7. This decision has also been taken to ensure we continue to adhere to government guidelines and that students receive five hours of learning time in school.

I would like to thank you again for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. It is important that we continue to maintain our high standards and expectations and that we retain, to the very best of our ability, the continuity of your child's education, progress, and wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

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