



19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Remote Learning During School Closure

As you will be aware, the Government has directed the closure of schools from Monday 23rd March. I am highly aware that this announcement will cause much anxiety to students, given the impact on preparations for examinations and assessments, and on applications for university courses and apprenticeships. Given that this is a fluid situation, we will remain in contact during the closure, particularly around any information regarding students' qualifications and the impact on planned destinations, and also about when schools can re-open.

With the aim of reducing any disruption to students' learning, we will continue to provide an extensive programme of study, which we expect students to complete in full at home. Students are expected to complete a 'Learning Log' of the activities which they have been working on; the pro-forma accompanies this letter. All tasks, and all resources relating to these tasks, will be posted by teachers on Doodle (which is currently used for Home Learning). I emphasise that it is absolutely essential that your child completes this work each week. Although the current guidance indicates that final examinations and assessments will not take place as planned, we want to support students in completing their planned programme of study, which will be of vital importance in progressing onto future study, training or employment.

The specific details for each subject, for Year 13, accompany this letter. In the event of an extended closure, this will be updated weekly. As a guideline, students are expected to spend approximately 6 to 8 hours on each subject, per week (this accounts for their usual lesson time as well as independent study).

Additional information relating to the completion of these remote learning activities is below:

- All tasks and resources will be posted by teachers on Doodle. This week in school, all students have had the opportunity to check and re-set their password if necessary. If students are unable to access Doodle, please email helpdesk@goffs.herts.sch.uk
- Teachers will be available to answer queries by email. All email communication should be via the student's school email account. Again, all students have had the opportunity to check and re-set their email passwords if necessary this week. If students are unable to access their school email account, please email helpdesk@goffs.herts.sch.uk (I accept that this initial contact may inevitably be from a parental email account)
- Teachers will be available to answer queries between the hours of 8.30am and 3.00pm, from Monday to Friday. Although staff will endeavour to respond to queries as soon as possible, please do not expect an instantaneous response; staff are likely to be dealing with a number of queries. Please also note that part-time staff will not be expected to respond to queries outside of their usual working days, and that staff will not be available for student communication if they are unwell. If students do not receive a response to a query within 24



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hours, they are welcome to contact the Head of Department and SLT Link for the relevant department (as listed below). Staff contact details are available on the website (<https://www.goffs.herts.sch.uk/1165/staff-contact-details>)

- We are aware that some students do not have access to the internet at home and so a suite of work will be provided in hard copy. A member of staff will be in contact today or on Friday to arrange this

Thank you in advance for your support, co-operation and positivity during these challenging and unprecedented circumstances. If you have any questions, please do contact either the SLT Link for your child's year group, or me directly.

Yours faithfully

Mark Ellis
Principal



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Director of Learning and SLT Link Information

Year Group	Director of Learning	SLT Link
7	Kelly McBride	Peter Petrou
8	Laura Huseyin	Laura Preston
9	Olivia Garner	Cheryl Poag
10	Suzanne Alexander/Anne Marie Crabb	Sophie Enstone
11	Mark Holding	Mike Toley
12	Wendy Wilson	Tom Cahill
13	Karen Lawrence	Tom Cahill

Head of Department and SLT Link Information

Department	Head of Department	SLT Link
English	Ephie Petrou Lisa Collins	Peter Petrou
Maths	Anja Collier	Mike Toley
Science	Theresa Harris	Mark Ellis
History	Sangeeta Shergill	Cheryl Poag
Geography	Klaudia Car Jennifer Fleeman	Tom Cahill
Languages	Natasha Andreou	Cheryl Poag
ICT/Computing	Andrea Nicola Hasina Nessa	Mike Toley
PE	Richard Ashdown	Laura Preston
RS/Sociology	Erhan Bora	Sophie Enstone
Art/Photography	Tiffany Brown	Mark Holding
Technology	Melanie Fusco	Laura Preston
Drama	Clare Holland	Peter Petrou
Music	Nigel Taken	Kate Dawson
Media Studies/Film Studies	Matthew Compton	Sophie Enstone
Business Studies/Economics	Toyin Oyelade	Tom Cahill
Psychology	Olja Zloh	Cheryl Poag



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