



Friday 11th December 2020

**Dear All**

Hoping that this letter finds you and your family well, particularly under the challenging circumstances.

This has been an important week for all our students: Year 13, for their mock exams and Year 11 having to isolate at home.

Year 11 have all received work for all subjects and opportunities to meet through Google Meet for live and shared resources.

We are really looking forward to the return of our Year 11 students and we remind them all that we are here for them - by email, arranged Google Meet, comments (or private comments) on Google Classroom or by telephone (01761 438557) at any time.

**Progress review discussion with parents**

Huge thanks for all Year 12 parents and carers who joined us this week with virtual meetings. We fully intend to run this for years 13 soon after the arrival of their mock grades, refreshed predictions and next steps (mid January).

**For Years 12 and 13 students:**

Please find changes made to the summer exams by clicking on this hyperlink: [Summer Exam Changes](#)

**Year 10 Physical Fitness Mendip Studio School kit**

The kit is finally now ready to be ordered! Please follow the link below to the order form. Sizes can be gained from the attached document.

[PE Kit Order Form](#)

**For Years 10 and 12**

We will celebrate the end of the term and the Christmas break on Friday 18th December at lunch time. Please bring along festive food, if bringing a packed lunch or readiness to buy lunch at the canteen. Mr Pugh-Jones will provide some non-alcoholic punch and we will lay out the banquet table to celebrate together.

**For Year 11s**

We are here for you! Well done for working virtually and completing work that has been set and attending Google Meets when expected and needed. Remember that we are here for you throughout and you can talk to us whenever you need to.



### **For Year 13s**

Huge congratulations to year 13 on completing their mock exams! We are so impressed with these students, juggling these with their pursuit of next steps, such as university, apprenticeships and employment.

**Please do follow us on Facebook under “The Mendip Studio School” and let us know what you think.**

All the very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hain", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bruce Hain  
Headteacher

*A reminder for all students about masks and when they should be worn:*

1. When entering the building or moving between buildings and in corridors, if in another building
2. When moving from one classroom to another
3. When seated in a communal area facing each other (the hub, snug or office)
4. When queuing for food from the canteen
5. If in a shared provision classroom (e.g. one of the two D(M)IT classes in Y10 with Mr Grubb or applied science with Mr Pugh-Jones and Mrs Baber in Y12)

Our daily Safety First Reminder Google streams will continue and remind all students of expectations for use of masks, sanitising and wiping down surfaces. Please make sure that students have a suitable face mask to bring to school and that they remember to bring it to school every day.

### **Absence Procedures - an important reminder**

Just a reminder that Parents and Carers need to call **01761 438557 by 8.30am** on the day of absence, in order for us to record the absence correctly. On the message left, regarding absence, parents/carers need to include the description of the reason for absence, name of the student and the likely return time and date to school. If the absence is so serious that it extends beyond three days, we will need medical advice to be sought. Mrs Willcox or Mr Leeder will contact parents/carers during the day, if we need further information. Work will not be set for students who are unwell. In the rare event of authorised isolation, due to Covid-19, work will be made available on Google Classroom.

### **A reminder of Covid-19 symptoms:**

- *A new persistent cough*
- *A raised temperature*
- *A sudden loss of taste and/or smell*



### **Google Classroom - a reminder, in the event of partial/temporary closure**

Google Classroom is not just the perfect place to set work, provide written feedback and to communicate with students, it is also linked to Google Meet - this will allow us to perform virtual live lessons, if we need to. To do this, there are a number of key guidelines that we will assume you agree to, unless you tell us otherwise:

- If video is used, only the student or parent will be visible in the view
- If video is used, there needs to be a blank wall behind that is in view
- Work will need to be completed and returned, as instructed in the Classroom communication - as always, teachers will be available to contact by email
- Students are not permitted to take screenshots or to record the screen when Google Meet is in use