



5th February 2021

HOME LEARNING UPDATE: YEAR 10/11

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for all the continued support in supporting home learning since January. We recognise that this can be a challenge at times and aim to support you in any way that we can.

As we move into a longer period of learning at home, it is essential that we maximise learning time in the school day to support students to achieve their best at GCSE. With this in mind, we plan to amend the provision of online learning for year 10 and year 11 as follows-

Commencing Monday 8th February

- All lessons for year and 10/11 will be scheduled for 50 minutes in total.
- An invite will be sent to your child, via their Microsoft teams calendar, the day before each lesson.
- Lessons will be structured in line with a normal school lesson, involving teacher input followed by time away from the screen within the lesson, for students to independently complete work.
- Class teachers will be on hand, to answer any queries and provide support your child within this independent working time.
- The key learning points will be summarised together as a class near the end of the 50-minute session.
- In English and Maths, one lesson per week will be dedicated to students' completion of the assignments set for the week. Teachers will be online available for full 1-1 support and guidance.

An additional aim of this approach is so that students have sufficient time, within the allocated lesson, to complete work and submit to their teacher in or after the lesson. Also balancing on and off screen time.

Students are expected to follow their daily timetable. and log in for each lesson on time. Lesson invites will appear in students' calendar at approximately the following times.

Year 10 Teams sessions

1. 9:00-9:50
2. 10:00-10:50

Break

1. 11:20-12:10
2. 12:20-1:10

Lunch

3. 1:55-2:45

Year 11 Teams sessions

1. 10:00-10:50
2. 11:00-11:50

Break

1. 12:15-1:05
2. 1:15- 2:05

Lunch

3. 2:45-3:35

For year 10, P1 each Thursday will be 45 minutes, to allow for students to take part in weekly form time. Similarly, for Year 11, P1 will be slightly shorter on a Thursday commencing at 10:05.



Student cameras

It has been our practice to instruct students to join with their cameras off. For a number of lessons and times within lessons, this protocol has been revised to support learning. Therefore, in lessons such as drama, your child's teacher may request the camera to be switched on. In this case your child should select a background screen.

Monitoring engagement

We monitor engagement with home learning, each lesson, via ClassCharts. Your child will receive a positive ClassCharts point for each lesson they have engaged in and/or completed all work set. We are making contact if your child falls behind or does not fully engage. It is really important that your child maintains fully engaged and follows their daily timetable.

Support

We are aware that home circumstances can differ at times and we aim to provide full support, with any ICT or access issues or access to Microsoft Teams, in every way that we can. If you are experiencing any issues accessing live lessons or assignments, please report this via the **REPORT A CONCERN** button on the school website, or email us at parents@asfaonline.org.

Thank you once again for your support. Please get in touch re any other support we can offer, as we move through this challenging time.

Yours sincerely
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