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6th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Distance Learning for Year 7 Friday 6th November to Tuesday 17th November

Firstly, thank you for the timely manner in which you responded to my urgent message yesterday and for the extremely positive and supportive manner in which you greeted staff at school. I fully appreciate how upsetting a period of self-isolation will be for your child and your family and I am so sorry that it has happened again. Please pass on my best wishes to your child and let them know how much we are all looking forward to them returning.

The purpose of this letter is to outline for you and your child what their distance learning timetable will look like until we welcome them back on Wednesday 18th November.

Distance Learning Timetable

During your child's period of self-isolation, they will need to follow the timings of their normal timetabled lessons. This is for three reasons:

1. Teachers will be available on Google Classroom, at that specific time, to answer any questions that are posted on the Stream or on the Private Comment facility.
2. Live sessions have been scheduled to take place at specific times on your child's timetable during the week.
3. Your child's engagement in their work and attendance at live sessions will be recorded and monitored and where appropriate reported on.

When there is a timetabled live session, highlighted in yellow in your child's timetable below, your child must check the Stream of their Google Classrooms for updates from their teacher regarding the specific time of a live session and what work will need to be completed prior to the live session. The teacher might also suggest what resources your child might need to have for the live sessions.

When there is not a timetabled live session, your child should be using the resources on their Google Classrooms to complete the tasks set. Resources may include pre-recorded lessons, Powerpoints, videos, links to relevant websites and quizzes. Your child is familiar with their Google Classrooms. However, you can refer to our guide which is available through this link: [Student and Parent SJHS Guide to Google Classroom](#).

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Your child should already have joined the Google Classrooms for each of their subjects. However, for any classrooms your child may need to join, please follow this link for a list of all the [Google Classroom codes](#). In each classroom, they will find the resources they need and any assignments which need to be completed.

Mathematics Google Classroom

Your child's mathematics Google Classroom may have changed due to the setting that took place at the start of this week. All pupils who have changed their mathematics class have been invited to join their new classroom. All your child will need to do, is accept this invitation to access the resources and any assignments which need to be completed. If your child has already joined their new Google Classroom, they will not have received an invite. If your child has any problems accessing their correct Google Classroom, please email echamberlain@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

In order to further support your child over this period of self-isolation, please click [here](#) for the link to our school website's 'Fortnightly Learning Plan' page. This document will provide you with an overview of the work your child will be completing over this period.

Live Sessions

While your child will be used to working on Google Classroom, they may not have had the opportunity before to be involved in a live session. Please click [here](#) for a video to explain this process. Alternatively, follow the step by step instructions below:

- Your child will need to log into Hwb (hwb.gov.wales) using their Hwb username and password (which is different from their school username and password).
- All live sessions will be delivered through Hwb, through Microsoft Teams.
- Once your child has signed into Hwb, they navigate to Office 353 and to Teams. They select '**web app**'.
- Once in Teams, they select the 'team' for their class and join the meeting from there. They can also go to 'Calendar' where they can click on the correct lesson and join from there.
- On entering the live session, the camera and microphone should be turned off. The teacher will tell pupils when they are allowed to turn on their camera or microphone.
- In line with Welsh Government guidance, and stated in our AUP, all live sessions will be recorded.

If you experience any technical issues with this process, please contact techsupport@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

Form Tutor Wellbeing live sessions and form Google Classrooms

As well as a number of opportunities for subject live sessions, there are also form tutor wellbeing sessions. This is a chance for your child to check in with their form tutor and the rest of their form class to share how they are coping with their distance learning and to raise any concerns.

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Please remind your child that they also have a Google Classroom for their form class where they can post messages to the rest of their class on the Stream or where they can use the 'Private Comment' facility to message their form tutor privately.

I know for some students and their families, the prospect of missing time in school, will create heightened anxiety. However, please be assured that the academic and pastoral provision we have put in place is planned and practised to the best of our ability. Please remember that you can contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Please find below some contact details that you may find useful:

Contact Details		
Head of Year 7	Mr O James	ojames@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Assistant Head teacher Key Stage 3	Mr I. Humpage	ihumpage@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Assistant Head teacher Teaching and Learning	Mrs R. Hanford	rhanford@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Distance Learning Lead	Mrs J. Moriarty	jmoriarty@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
IT Support	IT Team	techsupport@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Subject	Head of Department	Email
PSHE/Wellbeing	Mr I. Humpage	ihumpage@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Art	Miss S. Morris	smorris@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
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RE	Mrs K. Burke	kburke@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Science	Mrs C. Williams	cwilliams@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
Welsh	Mrs R. Davies	rdavies@sjhs.newport.sch.uk
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I am grateful for your continued support as we work collectively to keep everyone safe, while providing continuity in learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett
Headteacher

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Distance Learning Timetable: Year 7S

YEAR 7 LIVE SESSIONS: PROPOSED SCHEDULE: 6 NOVEMBER – 17 NOVEMBER 2020

7S		Week 1	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 1	Week 1
		1 Fri	2 Mon	2 Tues	2 Wed	2 Thurs	2 Fri	1 Mon	1 Tues
Lesson	Times	Fri 6th Nov	Mon 9th Nov	Tues 10th Nov	Wed 11th Nov	Thur 12th Nov	Fri 13th Nov	Mon 16th Nov	Tues 17th Nov
1	9.00 - 10.00	Spanish	PE	Geography	History	Maths	IT	Art	History
2	10.00 - 11.20	Science	English	English	Drama	Maths	IT	Art	Maths
BREAK	10.30 - 10.50								
3	11.20 - 12.20	Welsh	RE	English	Spanish	English	Science	Welsh	RE
4	12.20 - 1.50	Music	Music	Welsh	Spanish	Technology	RE	Science	RE
LUNCH	12.20 - 12.50								
FORM	1.50 - 2.10	FORM TUTOR WELLBEING SESSION	FORM TUTOR WELLBEING SESSION			FORM TUTOR WELLBEING SESSION		FORM TUTOR WELLBEING SESSION	
5	2.10 - 3.20	Maths	Maths	Games	Maths	Science	Technology	Science	Welsh

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