

January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hanson School Update

I would firstly like to thank you for your patience and support, as you can imagine it's been a little busy at school given the lateness of the announcement on Monday night. Having said that, I feel we are in a much stronger position and better prepared to support our students through remote learning, than the last time we went into full lockdown.

We remain open to all Key Worker and vulnerable students. This provision is from 8.30am to 2.50pm each day. Students can access breakfast from 8.15am and should enter school through main reception. Students remain in their Key Stage bubbles and have access to a broad curriculum within the provision. Students should attend in full school uniform including school shoes, they should also bring their planner, face covering and their lanyard each day. Students are provided with a timetable daily and are required to bring their PE Kit Tuesday/Friday this week and Monday/Wednesday each week from 11th January 2021.

Unfortunately there has been scant detail coming from the DfE about exams and I feel I will need to communicate something to our Years 11 and 13 students in the next few days. However I would urge all examination groups to continue learning (via our remote learning site), as we are certain they will still be assessed in some manner to inform the summer results. Therefore, we urge all Year 11, applicable Year 12 and 13 students to fully engage with us whilst we await the details from the government and Ofqual.

Year 12 vocational exams will go ahead as planned this week and next, despite conflicting press communications. All applicable students have been contacted by their Teacher to confirm the timing of the examinations and any face to face revision lessons on offer.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you should have now received £15.00 supermarket voucher by text or email for week commencing 4th January 2021. This was sent to the priority 1 telephone number/email stored in our sims database. If you need to update us with a new phone number or email address please contact us via school reception 01274 776200 or by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

I want to thank you for your messages of support and your feedback during the past few days. I must admit to being a little overwhelmed by them and it is very reassuring to know that you continue to have faith in us and what we are trying to do for our students.

Finally, below is a reminder of our Remote Learning provision. We have also included frequently asked questions information and a link to our support video. If you feel you need any more assistance or information, then please contact us via school reception 01274 776200 or by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely



Richard Woods
Headteacher

Remote Education for students who are not attending school from Monday 4th January 2021

We are providing remote education for your child through our remote learning site. This is complimented by a range of online platforms such as GCSEPod, Hergarty Maths and Show My Homework (Satchel). Your child's teachers will set work which will cover the content of the lessons that they would have received if attending school as normal. This is to ensure your child does not miss any important curriculum content.

It is important for your child to follow their normal timetable and complete all the work set by their teacher. Students can return work by email or bring it in when they return to school.

Your child logs in to our remote learning site <https://hansonacademyorg.sharepoint.com/sites/RemoteLearning9> using their school email address. For support with logging on please see our FAQs or watch our support video by visiting our website or clicking the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=PGGrQudxEu8&feature=youtu.be>

Remote Learning frequently asked questions (FAQ's)

Q) My child does not know their Hanson email address or password.

A) Hanson email address is hanxxxxx@hansonacademy.org.uk (Students will need to use their Hanson number, which is located on their lanyard, example 111123. If students do not know their password, this can be reset by a request to the school.)

Q) What are the expectations for my child in relation to remote learning?

A) We encourage all students to following their timetable as if they were in school and complete as much work as possible. We want students to utilise the opportunities to catch up on learning by using our remote learning site. We ask that all students try their best with as much work as they can do.

Q) My child can't edit any of the worksheets or tasks.

A) Students will need to save the file in their online folder or save a copy to their computer. This can be completed by going to file and save as. If you save the file to your OneDrive, you will be able to access this via your OneDrive account. If you save the file to your computer, this will be available via your downloads on your computer. You can then return the work via an email, SMHW or bring it to school with you when you return.

Q) My child doesn't have their exercise books.

A) Students can complete work online via their office 365 accounts or complete work on paper which they can hand it to their form tutors/teachers when they return to school.

Q) My child can see a lesson but no work to complete.

A) Teachers are working tirelessly to upload work and resources for students to complete. If you don't see work or any resources to complete, please don't hesitate to get in contact with school so we can rectify this. As an alternative, I would recommend completing a different subject and coming back to the subject at a later point.

Q) Some schools are offering live lessons - why not Hanson?

A) We are working towards using TEAMS and live lessons in the near future. However time has not allowed us to prepare for this fully and our current server can not host TEAMS for so many staff and students simultaneously.

Q) What work should my child complete?

A) They should access work for Half Term 3 (HT3) and follow their normal timetable.

Q) Will the work be marked?

A) Staff should acknowledge receipt of anything submitted electronically and where applicable will provide feedback. Some aspects are self marking within the GCSEPod and Hergarty Maths platforms. If students are working on paper this will marked on students return to school.

Q) I have an issue about the remote learning site, who do I email?

A) Please get in contact with the school using the email address – studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk