

10 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 - Supervised Study

I am writing to you regarding supervised study, which is where students are required to work independently with guidance from their teacher. We have held a number of focus meetings regarding supervised study with Year 12 students and supervised study staff, as a result of these will be making the following changes from Monday 11 January:

- On a week 1 and 2, students will not be expected to be in school until their first subject timetabled lesson. Those students who do not have lesson 1 on a Friday in week 1 or 2 will be expected to virtually attend the PSMSC tutor session 8.35am-9.20am. They will be able to do this via their tutor group google classroom page and their attendance will be registered.
- If a student has two or more consecutive supervised study sessions in a day, they should sign out and return for their lesson later on in the day. They will not need to sign back in as they will register in their lesson. Please see the example below:

| Currently | Lesson 1 | Lesson 2 | Lesson 3 | Lesson 4 Supervised | Lesson 5 |
|-----------|----------|---------------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| | Maths | Supervised | Supervised | Study | Physics |
| | | Study | Study | | |
| From | Lesson 1 | Student signs | Student | Student studies at | Lesson 5 |
| January | Maths | out and goes | studies at | home, then returns | Physics |
| 2021 | | home | home | promptly for the start | |
| | | | | of Lesson 5 | |

- The school day will end following their final lesson each day. Students should return home and complete any additional study and homework at home.
- If you would NOT like your child to be able to leave school, and would prefer that they
 remain in school during trapped time, please complete the following survey:
 Supervised Study Survey by Monday 14 December 2020. We will then amend our
 records accordingly.

We have given long and serious thought to the decision to allow Year 12 more flexibility with their supervised study sessions. If it becomes clear that a student is not able to work as effectively at home, then we will remove their home study, and they will be expected again to attend supervised study. Home study will also be withdrawn if a student persistently fails to attend:

- o registration on any day (week 1 & 2) when they have a lesson period 1.
- o Friday's PSMSC tutor session.
- o timetabled lessons or supervised study.

We will also ask the Year 12 student ambassadors and teachers of Year 12 at the end of the Spring Half Term for their views on the impact of giving more flexibility to supervised study.

Yours sincerely

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