



Y7-11 Student Guidance for Online Learning for January 2021

As you will be aware from the national news (4th January), the government has announced a national lockdown. This means that school will be closed for the majority of students until further notice and lessons will be online. The small number of students who have a confirmed place to work in school, will be able to continue to do so.

It's really important that all students complete the work that is set online. Having made such great progress since September, it's really important that we build on this and the work that is set during this week, will be important for this. We have put together some guidance below, to help you get the best out of 'distance learning'.

- Most of you will have used Google Classrooms already. This will be the main way that teachers will be delivering your work for this week. Please make sure you log on to the subject you should have on your timetable, on Google Classroom at the time you would normally have that lesson. Your timetable is available on Connect.
- Your teacher will then set you work to complete during that hour and will be able to answer any questions that you post on your class "stream". Remember, everyone else in the class will be able to see your questions.
- As you would in a normal lesson, please keep any comments you post kind and respectful to others. Students who fail to do so will be "muted" by their teacher, meaning they will be unable to post comments on the classroom. Clearly, for this system to work we want students communicating with their teachers so please bear this in mind when commenting.
- If a member of staff is unable to be live on Google Classroom during your allocated lesson time, please complete the work as directed and post any questions you may have in the usual way.

Setting yourself up for online learning

- Decide where you are working and make sure you have a clear space without distractions. Avoid music and social media whilst you are working.

- As you will remember from last time, this will feel different and keeping routines as normal as possible is important. Eat and drink regularly throughout the day.
- Use break and lunchtimes to communicate with your friends through social media. It's really important that we all look after each other and check in with our friends during this difficult time.
- As well as completing your online tasks, please also use the time to read some books.

Safeguarding and well-being

Whilst school is closed, if you have any worries or concerns (about any non-learning related issue), please contact your company team by email and somebody will get back to you ASAP. The email address for each company is listed below:

- FranklinLeadership@durring.com
- CoubertinLeadership@durring.com
- ShelleyLeadership@durring.com
- DaVinciLeadership@durring.com
- MercatorLeadership@durring.com
- HawkingLeadership@durring.com
- RoddickLeadership@durring.com

Other key staff who are available to support you are

- Mrs Lock rlock@durring.com
- Mrs Tunbridge-Adams ltunbridge@durring.com
- Mrs Hatchard chatchard@durring.com
- Mrs Baker sbaker@durring.com - can also advise on private reading

Staff core hours will be between 8.30am-4.00pm. We will aim to respond to any questions within 24 hours.

For any other updates relating to the school, please visit the school website:

<https://durringtonhighschool.co.uk/>

We are a great team here at Durrington and we will all work together to ensure that your learning is maximised whilst you are not in school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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