

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

I'm sure you will have heard the announcement from the government that students in Year 7-9 will not be returning to school before the summer holidays. Like you, we are incredibly concerned about this but understand it is inevitable.

As a result, we have been exploring ways to enhance our remote learning offer to facilitate their learning at this time. In particular, we have focussed on ways to deliver as much of a face to face experience of teaching as we can. We have also looked at making it easier for parents to check in on what students have learned and to simplify the process altogether. This is based on current research about the benefits of keeping learning as simple as possible and stripping out anything that is not essential.

From Monday 8th June 2020

- Lessons will all be pre-recorded YouTube clips, prepared by JFC teachers.
- To accompany this online video model, each student will receive a FACT book in the post that will give them key facts to learn following each video lesson. We would invite you to keep track of the facts that your children are learning, by using this booklet to check in.
- All other work will be removed from our website and the focus will be on retention of key facts.
- Year 9 will only study subjects they have chosen for their GCSEs.
- We will have a student hub available for some students who require additional support. This will be facilitated by our SEND and inclusion team and further detail will be provided from 1st June on how to apply for a place in this provision.

As you can imagine, there is lots of work being undertaken behind the scenes to ensure we can deliver this package of remote learning. We are therefore requesting that students continue to access their 'Make the most of May' document, as well as supported learning the week beginning Monday 1st June to allow staff to transition to the new model.

Please also be assured that our subject teachers are extremely aware that when classroom teaching can commence again, there will inevitably be gaps in learning. We are reviewing and tailoring our curriculum to tackle this and to ensure that our young people catch up as effectively as possible. This is one worry that you do not need to worry about on your own. We are excited about sharing the plans we are putting in place for our Curriculum Recovery Programme when the time is right.

I will be in touch the week beginning 1st June with further detail.

Kind regards

Lara Hall
Head of School

