

4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Staggered return to BOA in January 2021

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and happy New Year to you all.

I am writing to you all with details of the online learning sessions that will take place this week (for all year groups) and next week for years 10 and 12.

BOA's remote learning platforms:

Teachers at BOA are currently uploading resources to Microsoft Teams in advance of any online learning sessions. Students should follow their normal timetables and log on to Microsoft Teams to access the online session(s), which will appear in the calendar on each student's Microsoft Teams profile.

Personal Development Time:

We will not run any PDT sessions over Microsoft Teams during w/c 4th January and w/c 11th January 2021. If any student wishes to contact their tutor, please email the pastoral team on pastoral@boa-academy.co.uk

Onsite learning:

For students who have asked to attend BOA this week and next week (children of key workers and vulnerable students), work will be set over Microsoft Teams and they will be supervised by teachers during these sessions. We will ensure that subject specialists are on hand to answer any questions that students may have. Please also bear in mind that:

- Students should follow their usual timetable arrangements and bring the correct equipment each day;
- The Coffee Kiosk will be open in order to sell drinks and snacks. It is advisable for students to bring a packed lunch w/c 4th January and w/c 11th January 2021.

Examinations in January 2021:

Please be advised that the examinations scheduled for January 2021 will go ahead as planned. Please contact me if there are any issues with these arrangements.

'Mass testing' at BOA:

I am waiting for further guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding lateral flow testing, including expectations regarding positive cases and whether they are allowed to travel home on public transport. I will write to you later in the week with more in-depth details.

Yours truly,



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