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## Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a really positive start to the school year. To have been able to open the school fully and allow all the students access to the facilities across the site has been great. Being able to visit the learning in all lessons has been fantastic and to see all the students so positively engaged in their lessons has been a real pleasure. I have been so impressed with how well year 7 and our new year 12s have settled into our school community and how successfully they have embraced Kagan (collaborative learning) and Thinking Hard Skills.

We are very excited about next term and the opening of the King Block. Despite some minor delays we are really looking forward to moving in and starting to teach in the new rooms from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It will have a hugely positive impact on the experience the pupils have at Saint George's. Once we have completed moving in then the old Science and English blocks will be demolished, and the area will be landscaped to create additional social space for the pupils. We will then be moving on our plan for refurbishment of the classrooms in the main block.

The long-awaited return of trips and sporting fixtures has finally happened this term. It has been lovely to see many of your children being involved in extracurricular activities. My thanks go to all the staff who are so generous with their time, organising and running these activities. As always, our students have achieved some amazing feats this term. Whether it is representing the school at sport or achieving student of the week from one of the departments - we are always proud of what they achieve. A special mention must go to Jorge Fowler who won a Bronze medal at the WUKF Karate World Championships earlier this term and congratulations to Georgia Jackson, Chloe Weston, Ruby Early and Fifi Broad who have made the England U14 Cheerleading team.

Please can I remind you to keep using the Lateral Flow Tests over half term and following the government guidance around isolating.

Thank you all for your support throughout this term. I hope you have a peaceful break.

Matt Lillie  
Head of School

## Remote Learning Day 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Following the letter on 15<sup>th</sup> October, a reminder that **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** will be a remote learning day for all students in Years 7-10 and Year 12. Years 11 and 13 will continue with their scheduled PPEs on site as per the exam timetable. A reminder also that there will be very limited onsite provision for children who are unable to remain at home on that day. This will be a supervised computer room allowing access to the online learning. If your child requires this provision, please email [remotelarning@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:remotelarning@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk) to let us know the circumstances that require your child to be onsite.

On the day, all remote learning will be accessed via Microsoft TEAMS. Your child has used this platform for accessing homework this year and in the cases of Year 8 to Year 13, used this platform for remote learning during the previous

lockdown. Below are links to videos produced by the school to support access to this platform in case you require it:

- [Completing a lesson on Teams using a laptop](#)
- [Joining a lesson on Teams](#)
- [Completing an assignment on Teams using a mobile](#)

If you have any technical issues or your child has forgotten their password, please email [it@aat.uk](mailto:it@aat.uk). It would be a good idea to check this prior to the day.

On the day, all students will have live registration with their tutor at 8.40am. Students are then expected to follow their timetable for the day (Tuesday week A). Your children will be taught live lessons in the following subjects:

- Science
- Computer Science
- Art
- Technology
- BTEC PE
- Some Geography, History and RE (this is dependent on their teacher, and it will be clear on their TEAMS calendar on the day)

For all other lessons, students will be set work on TEAMS (this may include a pre-recorded lesson) and will be expected to complete it during the timetabled lesson).

A reminder of the protocols for remote learning can be found here <https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Remote-Learning-Protocols-STUDENTS.pdf> this has also been shared with your child. If your child is unwell on the day, please follow the usual school procedures for notifying us.

Matt Baker

Deputy Head