



ENSURING EXCELLENCE

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### Year 11 – Blended Learning

Dear Parents/Carers

Can I please start by thanking you for your support over the last two weeks with students working from home it has served to reinforce the vital importance of strong parental support in ensuring pupils continue their learning in these challenging circumstances.

Given the ongoing circumstances I want to outline the schools approach going forward in relation to remote learning. We have made the decision to use the Microsoft Teams platform as the key resource to develop a 'blended learning' model. Blended learning using Microsoft teams will mean that students use the same IT learning tools both in school and when at home. There are two important advantages to this. Firstly, learning in school and when completing regular homework/revision tasks is enhanced due to the inherent benefits of the platform and importantly, when students are required to work at home for extended periods they are familiar with the IT and operating systems, leading to more effective engagement with the home learning provision.

#### What does this mean for pupils?

- All students should now have access to a computer at home. (We have worked hard with all Y11 pupils to ensure this is the case but if your child does not have access to a computer at home please email [paul.hewitt@taw.org.uk](mailto:paul.hewitt@taw.org.uk))
- All students must download Microsoft Teams on their phone and home computer.
- All students must spend a minimum of 2 hours a week working at home on Microsoft Teams throughout Y11.
- Should there be any future requirement for Y11 to work from home all work provided will be through Microsoft Teams including clinics/live video sessions alongside the shared homelearning folder.

#### How will the school support pupils?

- Staff will upload resources to pupils' individual class teams to support learning being reinforced or to allow additional understanding to be developed.
- Staff will regularly communicate through teams with pupils with information relating to their subject.
- The school will strengthen access to devices in lessons providing opportunities for pupils to develop skills using teams.
- Important resources and notifications will be sent to pupils throughout the year over teams.
- Technical support will be given to parents if required to help them in ensuring access to the resources at home or advice on homelearning generally by emailing [langley.homelearning@taw.org.uk](mailto:langley.homelearning@taw.org.uk)

Printed learning packs will only be issued to pupils in Y11 in extenuating circumstances and it is vital that pupils fully engage in the blended learning approach through teams.

Yours sincerely

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