

08 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start by extending our thanks to you all for the support you have shown the school over the last week. We have received a number of messages via email and on our Twitter feed which have given staff a real boost.

Today we are giving you some key reminders about how the school is currently operating as well as some new information.

Remote Learning

Remote learning has started well for students and staff and we have been pleased to receive positive feedback around how quickly everyone has adapted to the new way of working. Please remind your daughters to login every morning at 8.40 so they can receive instructions for the day and attend their tutor session. We are monitoring attendance to both tutor sessions and lessons with staff following up if students are not present. We are revising our remote learning guidance for students and will be sending this out early next week.

Examinations

We will be sending out a separate communication to students in Year 11 and Year 13 today to reassure them about the examination process. You would have seen that the Government have made the decision that grades will be awarded through a centre assessment process this year but that as yet we have no detail on how the process will work. We fully appreciate that this will be causing a certain degree of anxiety for our students and we will be asking staff to reassure them during live sessions that whatever the outcome, we will ensure that we are fair and consistent in our approach and that students will not be disadvantaged.

On-Site Learning

We have a number of students working on site every day, following their remote learning under supervision of staff. This option is open to vulnerable students and those who have key worker parents. We ask that students attending the site take a COVID test before they start and then once a week to ensure the site is as secure as possible. Staff are also being tested before they come on site with regular attendance requiring a weekly test. Please do contact Assistant Headteacher Miss O'Neill at oneik001@windsorgirls.net if you would like further information on accessing the on-site learning.

Accessing Remote Learning

Our team have been busily preparing laptops for students who need support with accessing remote learning this week. We want to make sure that every student is able to access their learning from home so please contact Assistant Headteacher Miss Shephard at shepc001@windsorgirls.net for support in this area.

WGS Community

During the last lockdown we asked students and teachers to share examples of work via our wgscommunity@outlook.com email. We would like to do this again so please encourage your daughters to send any examples of work through to this address so we can celebrate the achievements of our students via the newsletter.

Finally we would ask that all members of the community to continue to support our national effort to drive down the spread of the virus. We all have a huge part to play in this so please make sure that your daughters are following the lockdown guidelines so that we can get back to on-site learning as soon as possible.

We hope that you are able to enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

Kind regards

Mr P Griffiths and Mrs E O'Carroll
Co-Headteachers