

Remote Learning Provision: January - February 2021

During this current national lockdown St Angela's students continue to receive a high quality education that promotes high challenge and develops their intellectual curiosity.

All students across all key stages follow our normal curriculum timetable which consists of five periods of lessons per day, each lesson being 1 hour in duration. The lessons commence at 9.05am and finish at 3.25pm.

Students continue to receive their full curriculum entitlement which includes a weekly PE lesson to promote physical wellbeing and also a weekly Music lesson. Individual Music tuition has continued online too for those who are part of that programme.

Our KS3 Drama lesson has been replaced with an extra hour of Maths delivered via the online platform Hegarty Maths to support students further in this subject and consolidate their learning from lessons.

Lessons are always well planned and in line with the schemes of learning published on our school website. This ensures that all lessons are sequenced in their delivery and students continue to make progress.

All lessons are shared with students via their subject google classroom. This is accessed using the google chromebook which was provided to every student. Students are supported further by the school with any ICT requirements to ensure that technology does not prevent any student accessing learning or falling behind.

Lessons include a range of activities which are clearly explained. This is usually done using a google presentation for the students. This is often complemented further by a voice recording of the teacher using screencastify which explains verbally the instructions for the lesson and also gives a topic explanation. Where appropriate teachers have also filmed themselves doing a practical eg science experiment from home.

Individual departments utilise a range of online subject specific platforms to support learning and offer further interactive opportunities for students. Variety is key to learning and this is recognised by the subject teachers in their planning.

During the lesson students have the opportunity to ask via the stream their teacher live questions. The teacher is always on line to support. Responses are made to either the whole class or to the individual students. Students often continue to ask questions using this method beyond the lesson and staff reply as quickly as possible to offer further assistance.

A register is taken using the google classroom and any absence is quickly followed up using the schools effective log system.

Students complete work both online and in their exercise books. Evidence of this work is provided to their subject teachers who continue to monitor and track their progress and report any concerns to their Head of Department and Line Manager. The log system also supports the communication of missing work to parents for prompt intervention.

Students have a 20 minute break and 1 hour lunchtime during the school day where they are encouraged to go away from the computer screen. Wellbeing is a key feature of our remote learning provision.

All year groups have a weekly assembly on a Thursday which is led by their Head of Year. Regular positivity posts created by staff are shared in the year group classrooms to encourage positive mental wellbeing during this challenging time.

As a community we continue to run our PSHEE programme of Rise Up Days and also celebrate events such as St Angela's Day. We have continued to run a weekly enrichment programme for students which has included the Brilliant Club, Debate Mate, Young Lawyers Club and Team Up.

Our Careers Advisor has continued to support students remotely with interviews for Year 11 students and support as they make decisions regarding their next stages post GCSEs. The Year 9 students will select their GCSE options and will be prepared for this transition. Sixth Form students are being supported with guidance on ucas, apprenticeships and further opportunities. Events such as our Sixth Form Open Evening have gone virtual so students can continue to make these important decisions.

Our students continue to be rewarded during this lockdown with daily texts being sent out and planned reward assemblies. Parents are fully informed of all school information via our school WEDUC communication system.

Staff have continued to be upskilled in their technology skills to ensure they effectively utilise all the tools available to them in their remote learning provision.

We are extremely proud of the high standards of work completed by our students during this national lockdown. It demonstrates their academic and personal development. The high levels of professionalism and dedication shown by our staff has created the perfect climate for a positive remote learning environment.