

Friday 18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Important changes to start of next term - January 2021

In line with government guidance published yesterday we shall use a staggered approach to the start of next term.

- Students in Year 11 will return to school on Tuesday 5 January.
- Provision for key worker and vulnerable children will be available from Tuesday 5 January. Please email us using hello@voy.hlt.academy to let us know whether, as a key worker, you wish your child to attend school.
- Students in all other year groups will return to school on Monday 11 January. From Tuesday 5 January students will work remotely at home following the shadow curriculum we have placed on Google Classroom. We aim to deliver some live online tuition during timetabled lessons where it is practicable. Families without suitable IT access will be contacted early on in the first week back and, where possible, we will provide a school device for use at home.

During this first week we shall be planning how Covid testing may be carried out in school. This is a complex piece of work that will need to be given very careful thought, so please understand that we will be taking a cautious approach to the government's request.

I am conscious of the short notice we have all been given to make these changes and I understand the inconvenience this may cause. However, we have to date managed arrangements in school very effectively and I am determined that we continue to do so.

I will write again to update you during the first week of term.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Once again, I wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

Yours faithfully,



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