

Dear parents and carers,

During this period, where your son/daughter continues to access their learning from home, The Canterbury Academy will continue to provide varied learning activities, including the delivery of new content and support and feedback to learners, via our central platform Satchel One: Show My Homework. All learners at the Academy have access to this platform, as do their parents. Should you or your child have any issues in accessing this platform, please contact the relevant Head of Learning.

At The Canterbury Academy we continually strive to develop the learning activities that will be set during this time. We will ensure that all tasks set have at least one interactive element to them, which could include: narration from a member of subject staff, use of GCSE Pod, Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize TV or the use of pre-recorded videos and step-by-step guides to completing activities.

It has always been our intention to continue 'layering up' our remote offer, and the next step as part of this will be the piloting of some 'live' small group learning in the sixth form initially, we hope, next week. After the pilot in the sixth form has taken place, we will look to provide elements of live teacher input with other year groups. More information on this will begin to flow next week.

You'll appreciate, of course, that live learning may not be what all students want. Some might be happy learning completely remotely, taking advantage of more private teacher interactions when asking questions and getting feedback on work submitted. So, to be clear, anything that we begin to offer live online will be in addition to, and not in replace of, our existing packages. We also hope that live sessions will be recorded so that students who may not be able to access them immediately, will have the chance to go back and watch aspects of the lesson which they may wish to revisit, or feel they need further explanation on.

Your son/daughter continues to be able to communicate directly with their class teachers via the [Satchel One: Show My Homework](#) platform, so they are able to engage in dialogue, ask questions or seek further support should they need it. In addition to this, the platform also allows for students to submit their work directly to their teacher, who will be able to provide feedback.

During this period, your son/daughter should follow their normal timetable, where possible. This means that they should plan their day in line with the lessons that they would have had in school. For example, if on Monday, Week A, they would normally have English for their first lesson, they should spend their first hour on their English remote learning work. Their class teachers will set daily work to match the students' timetables. This will show as 'classwork' on [Satchel One: Show My Homework](#) and therefore allow them to follow their 'normal' working day. We advise that similar lengths of breaks between learning activities are also included, to help replicate their normal routine in school. It is really important that students submit their work via Show My Homework when they have completed an activity, so that their teacher can see their progress and help guide them on how to move forward. In addition to this 'classwork', students will also have their normal homework assignments.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and feedback on the quantity of learning materials provided across the curriculum. As this remote learning period progresses, staff will continue to refine their delivery and adjust the expectations for different cohorts of learners to avoid them becoming overwhelmed by the scale of tasks that have been set.

Your son/daughter's teachers will provide as much detail as possible with the assignments and activities shared via our virtual learning platform. In order to allow the delivery of new content, teachers may use a range of resources to help with delivery and explanation. This could include links to relevant videos or websites, or links to online textbooks or programmes that students are familiar with using in school.

Attached to this message you will find a guide on submitting work via the [Satchel One: Show My Homework](#) platform, which we have shared previously. Additionally, we have attached a summary of different learning platforms that are used within subjects, along with any relevant details on how students can log in to these.

If your son/daughter does not have regular access to a computer or device, please make sure that their Head of Learning is aware so we are able to look at how we can support with this. This could include ensuring that printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, are provided if required.

Finally, as you know, the role of your child's mentor in the school is pivotal in the wellbeing of our student body. Even more so during this very challenging time. Therefore, your son/daughter's mentor will be contacting your child weekly via Show My Homework and with a phone call home. This contact will be to see if we can help in any way with their home-learning, offer advice and guidance on wellbeing or otherwise. We aim to make these phone calls each week so we can ensure we still have regular contact with your children, our students.

If you have any questions about your child's remote learning, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Learning in the first instance:

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We would like to thank you for your support during this period and again reiterate that, while we are unable to physically see the students in the classroom, our staff are still very much here to support virtually.

Yours faithfully,

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