

Urmston Grammar – Continuing to Support Structured Learning

29th May 2020

Dear Students,

I hope you are all well and have had a good half term.

As we enter week 11 of lockdown, you will be aware that the government guidelines continue to change and we are starting to see glimmers of hope that life is starting to get back to normal.

I am sure that you have considered whether life can ever be quite the same again, as we have all been changed by this experience. Hopefully, we will have had time to reflect on what is important in life, that we have considered our impact on our world and had a chance to understand how much we all need one another.

School staff are currently looking at how we introduce more students into school; we are intending to bring in some Year 12 and Year 10 students in from the 15th June. Details will be shared next week. The school that students will return to will in many ways be a very different place to the one they left in March, as we are carefully considering how we can all maintain social distances and stay safe.

Before half term we agreed that all your teachers would:

- set tasks on their allocated subject day;
- create tasks that are shorter, more manageable and are broken down to chunks that students can tackle during their allocated subject session or over a specified number of allocated sessions;
- set tasks on SMH ready for the start of a working day. Other sites or the shared area may be used for the task, but SMH will be used to direct students to these other areas.
- reduce the amount of work they set by one third to a half – so that the work can be completed in 45/50 minutes during the allocated subject session;
- provide extension tasks for those students who are coping well with the workload and require additional challenge;
- limit the number of long project style tasks that last several lessons/weeks;
- provide personalised feedback on a subject once every two weeks. This feedback may be written or verbal.

Remember that working remotely requires you to be motivated to get the work set done promptly and to the best of your ability. Make sure you are adding completed work to exercise book and folders and keep this in an organised safe place; when you do return to school we will need to build on the work that you have done independently. Ask for help if you are having issues with workload.

Remember it is important that you **check these resources and your emails each day**, so that you are able to keep on track.

If you do get stuck before you email school try and help yourself, there are help guides at <https://www.urmstongrammar.org.uk/student-remote-working/> alternatively contact one of your peers.

Years 7-10

Please continue to follow the timetable below for your year group and focus on the subject that is highlighted. You should be spending approximately 45-50 minutes during that time slot. Where the lesson is highlighted in yellow – this will be a more interactive lesson and may be delivered through MS Teams

- Years 7-9 there are still 3 subject slots; you should be working for approximately 2.5 - 3 hours each day.
- Year 9 students if you are no longer taking a subject at GCSE you do not have to complete the work set by those subject teachers; focus instead on English, Maths, Sciences, Languages, your Humanities option and your other subject option(s). If you have additional time during that day use <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> to explore GCSE subjects that you will be studying next year.
- For Year 10 students there are 6 subject slots; you should be working for approximately 4-5 hours each day.

Year 12

We hope that you have continued to structure your own learning and remember that you should be working for approximately 6 hours each day. If you do need extra support with structuring your learning please email your subject teachers, your tutors or your mentors.

For all students

- You need to spend approximately 45 minutes each day doing some form of exercise (the PE department will be suggesting some ideas but remember to follow the government's guidance for where you can go outside).

- We also think that it is important that you spend time reading each day; this could be fiction or non-fiction. Remember there are links to lots of books, journals and articles on the school website <https://www.urmstongrammar.org.uk/reading-list/>

I hope you have all been able to maintain a connection with your school. You should be in contact with teachers, your classmates and your friends from school each day – none of you should be feeling isolated or alone..

I know that the majority of you are in contact with your form tutors several times each week and are involved in pastoral activities. Your wellbeing is important and staff are available to support all of you, particularly if life in lockdown is challenging. Please contact your form tutors directly if you have concerns.

I hope you enjoyed seeing us in the video we shared ‘See our Faces’ and that you know we miss you and are looking forward to welcoming you back to school as soon as we can.

As I have said to you previously, we may be working remotely, but we are still part of the Urmston Grammar community, look after yourselves and your families – take time to enjoy each other’s company. Be kind to each other and to yourselves.

Keep safe.

Yours faithfully,



R S Wall on behalf of all your teachers and the support staff of Urmston Grammar.

Timetables for Years 7, 8 and 9															
1/6/2020 to 5/6/2020															
Year	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
7	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	08:30	11:30	13:30	08:30	11:30	13:30	08:30	11:30	13:30	08:30	11:30	13:30	08:30	11:30	13:30
	MFL	Geog	English	History	Maths	MFL	Science	RE	Art/Tech	Drama	English	Art/Tech	Maths	Science	Music
8	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	10:00	12:00	14:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	10:00	12:00	14:00
	History	Maths	MFL	Science	RE	Art/Tech	Drama	English	Art/Tech	Maths	Science	Music	MFL	Geog	English
9	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
	09:00	11:00	13:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	09:00	11:00	13:00
	Science	RE	Art/Tech	Drama	English	Art/Tech	Maths	Science	Music	MFL	Geog	English	History	Maths	MFL

More interactive lessons

Timetables for Year 10													
Years 10 and 11	Monday						Tuesday						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	08:30	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00	08:30	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00	
	English	Maths	Science - Biol	MFL	Humanities or Science	Option A	Science - Chem	English	Option B	MFL	Maths	Option A	

	Wednesday						Thursday					
Years 10 and 11	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
	08:30	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00	08:30	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00
	Humanities or Science	Option B	English	MFL	Science -Phys	Maths	Maths	Option B	Option A	English	MFL	Humanities or Science
	Friday											
Years 10 and 11	1	2	3	4	5	6						
	08:30	10:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00						
	Option A	Option B	Maths	Humanities or Science	English	MFL	More interactive lessons					

Y10 Option A
Music
Business Studies
IT
GCSE PE
Food Tech
Art
Photography
History
Geography
RS

Y10 Option B
Drama
IT
Computer studies
Food tech
Design Tech
French
Geography
History
Business Studies

Y10 Humanities or Science
Geography
History
Business Studies
RS
Biology, Chemistry, Physics