

Urmston Grammar – Supporting Structured Learning

Dear Students,

We are all coming to terms with the news that has been announced in the last few days and there may well be further changes. For now, we want to give you some clarification about what will happen next week.

As you are aware, from 2:50 pm Friday 20th March, school will be closed for the majority of you. It is important to remember that whichever year group you are in, the learning does not stop. Our role is - and will continue to be - to support you even though we are no longer in the same physical building.

Hopefully, you will have had the opportunity to collect all your belongings from school and ensured that your lockers were emptied.

At school we try to encourage you to have a positive and proactive approach to your studies (Grade 1 – Attitude to Learning). The next few weeks will give you all an opportunity to display that proactive, positive approach as you will need to direct your own learning. This will not be easy for most of you, so it's important that you find ways to keep yourselves motivated. This might be by working with friends through virtual connections or by working with family members.

It is impossible for us to replicate all your lessons at home, but your teachers are adding resources to 'Show My Homework' (SMH) and to the shared drive which will help you to learn and remain focused. You must check these resources each day, so that you are able to keep on track. Mr Drabble has emailed all of you to explain how to access resources: remember that if you do get stuck, try and help yourself before you email school. There are help guides at <https://www.urmstongrammar.org.uk/student-remote-working/>.

Please follow the timetable for your year group (below) and focus on the subject that is highlighted. You will notice that for Years 7-9 there are only 3 time slots; for older students we would expect you to spend more time working. During a specified subject time-slot, look at the resources that your teacher has added to SMH and/or to the shared drive and complete the work set. Some of this may be work online, some might need you to use the internet for research, but some will also be work that you are do away from the computer screen.

Year 12 and 13: we feel that you will have had lots of support over the last few days and weeks and you will be able to structure your own learning. If you do feel you need some extra support, email your subject teachers or your mentors.

Make sure you are adding completed work to exercise books 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. Many of your teachers will ask you to email work to them, so that they can mark it and provide you with some feedback: they will do their best to answer you - but be patient as they have a lot of different demands on their time. Over the next few weeks, they may also give you alternative ways to get completed work to them.

You will also need to spend approximately 45 minutes each day doing some form of exercise: the PE Department have created some helpful advice for you called 'Student Activity Ideas', which can be found in the shared drive (R).

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/>

We would definitely encourage you to get creative; now is the time to take up a new indoor hobby, master a musical instrument, practise your baking or even learn a new language. For some of you it may be a chance to get some fresh air and help in the garden (again – check government guidelines about what you can do whilst maintaining a 'social distance' from your neighbours).

Year 11 and Year 13 – we know this is a particularly difficult time for you. There are so many unknowns, but hopefully they will be clearer in the next few days. Remember to stay focused on finishing your courses and consolidate your understanding for that important next step. We will let you know if we need to arrange any additional assessments or provide estimated grades. For Year 11, we will at some point switch to preparing you for post-16 courses.

Remember that we may be working remotely, but we are still part of the Urmston Grammar community, so if you need us please use email to contact individual teachers or the school office. Check your emails regularly as we will use this as a regular form of contact. Most importantly, look after yourselves and your families – take time to enjoy each other's company.

Keep safe and we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we possibly can.

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															
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
	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
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
	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday		
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

Timetables for Years 10 and 11													
	Monday						Tuesday						
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	
	English	Maths	Science -Biol	MFL	Humanities or Science	Option A	Science -Chem	English	Option B	MFL	Maths	Option A	

Years 10 and 11	Wednesday						Thursday					
	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

Years 10 and 11	Friday					
	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

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

Y11
Option A
Music
Business Studies
IT
GCSE PE
Food Tech
Art
Photography
History
Geography

Y11
Option B
Drama
IT
Computer studies
Food tech
Design Tech
French
Geography
History
Business Studies
RS

Y11
Humanities or Science
Geography
History
Business Studies
RS
Biology, Chemistry, Physics