

19th April 2023

Y9 &10 virtual school days during exam season 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Tis the season to celebrate knowledge as the examinations rapidly approach. Our exam takers are making their final preparations with the first exam happening in less than two weeks. Obviously this is a significant period of time and as a whole school community it is important we do everything we can to support this year's exam takers to perform at their best.

As you can appreciate a lot of work goes into the examination arrangements and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Office Manager, Angel and the team for all of their hard work in putting it together. Each year presents different challenges in regards to access arrangements and this year is no different. A large percentage of our exam takers will require their own exam room so that they can access the exams on a level playing field. Given that we have limited space as an exam centre this poses additional challenges. As a result we have taken the decision to run some virtual school days for the rest of our cohort for days on which an exam is running in the morning.

Please see the next page for details on when these days are. We appreciate your help in getting your young person up, logged on and ready to learn, as virtual days will be compulsory for non-exam takers and each pupil's online attendance will contribute to their official attendance statistics, just like any normal day.

While we appreciate that virtual learning may conjure images from lockdown we would like to see them as an opportunity for our cohort to demonstrate Resilience, Organisation, Communication, Community, Initiative and Teamwork. The world of work has changed dramatically with more people working remotely than ever before. With this in mind it is also an opportunity to develop the necessary skills for the modern workforce.

We appreciate that this way of learning will be very unfamiliar to the majority of our Year 9/10 cohort and as such, staff will run a number of sessions prior to the virtual days to ensure that non-exam takers are clear on how to use the technology and access the virtual lessons. We will also ensure that technology will be sent home to anyone who needs it. An information sheet regarding the online lessons and how to access them will also be sent home.

We appreciate your support and commitment to helping our exam takers have the best possible conditions for success.

Kind regards,



SENCo/Head of Currency

Year 9 and 10 Virtual Day timetable

May

Tuesday 16th May;

Monday 22nd May;

June

Wednesday 7th June

Tuesday 13th June

Wednesday 14th June:

Timings	Year 9	Year 10
09:50 - 10:00	Circle Time	
10:05 - 10:50	English	Maths
10:55 - 11:40	Science	English
11:45 - 12:30	Maths	Science
12:35 - 13:00	Guest Circle Time/4th Dimension session	

Thursday 25th May

Timings	Sessions (all non-exam takers)
09:50 - 10:00	Circle Time
10:05 - 10:50	Art, Craft and Design
10:55 - 11:40	Project Based Learning
11:45 - 12:30	Food and Cookery
12:35 - 13:00	Guest Circle Time/4th Dimension session