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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 10 – Virtual Teaching

I hope you had a restful and pleasant break, and I wish you all a peaceful and safe New Year.

With the government announcing the restrictions on access to schools for all students, we have had to move to virtual teaching for the foreseeable future. Following some of the successes of virtual learning and teaching from the first lockdown, we have been able to act swiftly to ensure students are still able to access learning from home.

I know several parents were worried about Year 10 students not being given live lessons. However, we initially prioritised the examination groups for live lessons, using the MLTV. This will change as of the week beginning 18 January 2021. Each year group will receive a package of blended learning which will consist of live, taught lessons and the continued use of daily online tasks set as homework which will be set by their teachers using the VLE and homework platform. We have put together a schedule when all year groups will have live lessons. Considering these changes, we have also made amendments to the timings of the school day to allow for a more unified approach. These have already been communicated to parents but for ease of reference they are below:

School Day	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	Wednesday
Tutor time	9-9.20 am	9-9.20 am
Period 1	9.20-10.20 am	9.20-10.15 am
Break	10.20-10.50 am	10.15-10.30 am
Period 2	10.50-11.50 am	10.30-11.25 am
Lunch	11.50-1 pm	11.25-12.30 pm
Period 3	1-2 pm	12.30-1.25 pm
Period 4	2-3 pm	1.25-2.20 pm

Below is a schedule for when Year 10 students will receive their live lessons. The live lessons will happen across the whole of the day and each lesson will be an hour long. To ensure students get the most out of the virtual teaching, could I ask that you encourage students log-in promptly to these lessons. Whilst I understand the live lessons are not scheduled every day, the use of blended learning will allow for students to become more independent with their education, which is a skill they need to develop in the future. To support students during their non-live lessons, we are encouraging the use of the chat rooms on the VLE. The chat rooms will allow students to speak to their teacher in a live chat room, which is secure and safe. This will act the same as them asking questions in class.

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Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Jan		LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY			LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY
25 Jan			LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY		
1 Feb	LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY			LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY	
8 Feb		LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY		LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY	LIVE LESSONS ALL DAY

Over the course of this term, my plan was to get students to understand employment and careers as part of their personal, social and moral education. In Year 10, students would typically be preparing themselves for work experience, drafted CVs, covering letters, job applications and even carried out interviews. However, this academic year has certainly been very different to most and, as such, work experience will be extremely unlikely this year. I recognise these skills are invaluable and, as such, will be looking at how the Year 10 students can equip themselves with these skills. Below is a schedule of the new tutor time routine in which students will have the opportunity to speak with their form tutors, attend a year group assembly and work on the aforementioned skills.

<b>Monday</b>	Reading
<b>Tuesday</b>	Live Tutor
<b>Wednesday</b>	PSHE
<b>Thursday</b>	Assembly
<b>Friday</b>	PSHE

I have sent messages to the Year 10 students via the VLE and will continue to do so, asking them to inform myself or their form tutors about any concerns or worries they may have with work. If there are any problems that you are aware of, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's form tutor so we can address these concerns. I understand there are many difficulties with learning from home, and your patience and support are gladly received by myself and the teachers of BGN.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for everything you are doing as without your encouragement and support at home for your child, they may lack the motivation and drive that they so desperately need at this time. We will continue to review the process in line with government guidelines and keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely



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