

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

A Youth Sport Trust Lead School for Leadership, Coaching and Volunteering

Addison Road, Banbury

Oxfordshire

OX16 9DG

Tel: 01295 264216

[www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.bgn.oxon.sch.uk)

Compassion

Respect

Truth

Service

Forgiveness



31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

As you are aware, the government has just announced a change to the start of term for schools in England.

This will mean all students will be taught remotely in the first instance. We are conscious of the fact that many parents may be working from home and there may be siblings from different year groups in the same house, leading to difficulties with internet access. Therefore, we have prioritised examination groups for live lessons. Other year groups will receive their timetabled lesson through the Homework feature of the VLE.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – This is a previously planned INSET Day; therefore, no lessons will be set.

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Work will be set daily for all students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 using the Homework function on the VLE. This will follow their usual timetable. Completion of work will be monitored.

Years 11 and 13 will have live lessons using MLTV. These will follow their usual timetable, so students should log on and enter the room promptly at the start of their lesson. Registers will be taken and attendance will be monitored.

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 11 and Year 13 will attend school. Year 13 have their planned mock examination week and should only attend school when they have an examination. There will not be any taught lessons for Year 13. However, BTEC/VCERT students can expect their teachers to continue to set work and should attend lessons on the MLTV unless they have a mock exam at that time. Work will continue to be set daily for all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 using the Homework function on the VLE.

Year 12 will have live lessons using MLTV. These will follow their usual timetable, so students should log on and enter the room promptly at the start of their lesson. Registers will be taken and attendance will be monitored.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - as far as we currently know all students will return to school. We will of course keep you updated if anything changes.

**Year 11 BTEC Construction students** – the external examination will still go ahead on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am. Please go straight to the Activities Room at 8.45am. Students will need to leave school straight after the examination.

Principal: **Ms Niamh Dolan, BSc (Hons)** [headteacher@bgn.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bgn.oxon.sch.uk)

---

An academy within The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company which is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity registered in England and Wales with company number 9113542 and registered address Addison Road, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9DG.

“The school’s contribution to pupils’ personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exemplary. Pupils go out of their way to do good things. They act as positive role models for younger children.” *Ofsted, June 2017*

**Key worker and vulnerable children** – school will be open for these children from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. For a full list of critical worker roles, please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

**If you are a critical worker and require a place in school for your child, please telephone the school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to make arrangements.**

Finally, you will be aware that the government are planning to send test kits to schools next week. We are in contact with Public Health England and other agencies regarding this and we will update you with information as soon as we are in a position to do so.

We would like to wish you a happy New Year and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Niamh Dolan  
Principal

---

Principal: **Ms Niamh Dolan, BSc (Hons)** *headteacher@bgn.oxon.sch.uk*

An academy within The Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Company which is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity registered in England and Wales with company number 9113542 and registered address Addison Road, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9DG.

“The school’s contribution to pupils’ personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is exemplary. Pupils go out of their way to do good things. They act as positive role models for younger children.” ***Ofsted, June 2017***