

Guidance for Pupils and Parents on work for Y12-14 from early May onwards

Under normal circumstances, pupils in Years 12-14 enter a period of 'Study Leave' in early May during which they prepare for and sit examinations.

As we know external examinations have been cancelled this year, so this document provides guidance on how pupils should be working from early May until the end of term.

There is a very real likelihood that we will experience further disruption in the autumn due to Covid-19 so it is vital that we make the best use of the next 9-10 weeks and pupils who fail to do so will be putting themselves at a significant disadvantage.

Year 12

- Pupils should begin to work on the AS subjects that they have chosen
- Teachers will provide codes for AS Google Classrooms for each subject and will begin to set work in these classrooms from early May.
- A level subjects without a GCSE course will make pupils aware of their course codes through English and Maths GCSE classrooms and a copy will be emailed to pupils and parents.
- Any pupils who do not have the requisite GCSE subjects to access AS level, e.g. for AS Life and Health Sciences, GCSEs in both Biology and Chemistry are required, (see AS subject choice booklet) will be contacted to discuss their subject choice.
- **Pupils who have not demonstrated a sufficiently high level of competence in a subject (or related subject/s) at GCSE, as evidenced by performance data collected during the course of their GCSE studies, may be contacted to discuss a more suitable AS course.**
- **The Senior School Admissions Policy is currently under review in light of the COVID-19 crisis and will require evidence of active engagement with AS material during the 'Study Leave' period as a prerequisite for returning to Y13.**
- Teachers will monitor pupil engagement of their new AS pupils with the work they set in May/June and the standard of work the pupils carry out in set tasks.
- Pupils must NOT select alternative AS subjects without first discussing their choices with a member of staff to ensure the choice is suitable and fits with the timetable.

Year 13

- Pupils should complete the AS course and then progress to A2 material for their subjects
- Teachers will provide appropriate work & learning materials via Google Classroom

Year 14

- Pupils should complete the A2 course, as per CCEA instructions, so that a grade for A2 may be awarded.
- Once courses have been completed, further study will be self-directed.

Possible ideas include:

- If intending to take a degree in an area closely related to one or more of their A-level subjects, pupils may wish to complete past paper questions or begin reading some typical undergraduate level material
- Pupils may wish to take a MOOC which can be found in the Unifrog careers tool provided by the School
- Pupils may wish to take some of the free university courses available at <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>