



Longridge High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning Update – Easter (April 2020)

Many thanks to all our pupils and parents who have actively engaged with the remote learning system over the last two weeks. We appreciate that there have been times when the system has not been working as efficiently as we would have liked, but we are making progress and it a learning experience for us all! As you can imagine, we only had a few days to put this into practice and we have listened to the feedback from our pupils, parents and teachers. No system can ever replace the face-to-face learning that we are all used to, but we need to make this new way of learning as effective as possible. As it seems that this may be a longer-term arrangement than we all first thought, we would like to streamline the process to make it more efficient for both pupils and staff.

We recognise that every pupil will be completing the work in very different circumstances at home and we do not expect pupils to learn and understand new and difficult concepts without teacher supervision or feedback. We have asked teachers to provide work that consolidates and revises learning and work that has already been taught, with some new learning concepts if appropriate.

From Monday 20th April, there will be some changes to the way that teachers set work and when pupils will complete work. All work will be set regularly by subject staff. Some of the work will be set weekly with others being set as a project to be completed over a number of weeks.

KS3 pupils (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils will complete a minimum of three hours of work a day and it is recommended that they follow the timetable outlined below. Work for remote learning will be via eSchools. If you are having problems with logging into eSchools, then please let school know via admin@lhs.lancs.sch.uk and the admin team will provide support. It is vital that all pupils and parents are actively engaged with this learning platform. Teachers will be setting work as follows:

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 (30 mins)	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise
2 (45-60 mins)	English	Maths	Science	Computing	RE
3 (45-60 mins)	History	Geography	English	Science	Maths
4 (45-60 mins)	French	Technology	Art	Music	PE
5 (20 mins)	#Reading	#Reading	#Reading	#Reading	#Reading

- German – There will be an extra session for those pupils in Years 8 and 9 studying German with Mrs Dyson Knight.

*We recommend that all pupils do some form of daily exercise to help with physical and mental well-being. This may be an online activity such as Joe Wicks 'The Body Coach' or a physical activity – dog-walking/cycling/running/walking (permitted under the current Government guidelines).

We recommend that all pupils undertake some form of reading for pleasure or information. This could be around any subject and not just English. Any reading such as biographies, short stories, magazine or articles around different topics and subjects extends and engages learning.

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 can continue to read as part of the Accelerated Reader program and take quizzes on-line in the usual way. Thousands of free online books that cover a huge range of topics are now accessible via the website: <http://go.renaissance.com/a0310o0uNP0e006D1JP8JOt>

KS4 (Year 10)

Pupils will complete a minimum of three hours of work a day and it is recommended that they follow the timetable outlined below. Work for remote learning will be via eSchools. GCSE Pod is also available for help with learning, revision and consolidation. All Year 10 pupils are registered on this program. Teachers will be setting work as follows:

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 (30 mins)	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise	*Exercise
2 (45-60 mins)	English	Maths	Science	Option A	English
3 (45-60 mins)	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option B	Maths
4 (45-60 mins)	Maths	Science	English	Science	Option C
5 (45-60 mins)	Science	English	Science	Maths	Science

- Drama – There will be an extra session for those pupils in Year 10 studying Drama GCSE with Mrs Handley.
- Computer Science There will be an extra session for those pupils in 10 studying Computer science with Mr Rowlands.

*We recommend that all pupils do some form of daily exercise to help with physical and mental well-being. This may be an online activity such as Joe Wicks ‘The Body Coach’ or a physical activity – dog-walking/cycling/running/walking (permitted under the current Government guidelines).

We recommend that all pupils follow the timetable as a daily routine, at a time that is most convenient to you and your child.

Remote Learning Curriculum Map

In order to help plan the learning, we will be sending home an overview of the different topics being studied in each year group for the half term – a sort of ‘curriculum map’ (ideal for putting on the fridge!) This will allow you and your child to plan, track and manage the work more easily.

Please remember, we understand that you are not your child’s professional teacher and therefore we do not expect you to provide the expertise and experience that the school gives. We really appreciate everything you are doing to support your child’s learning in these very difficult times and we want to support you as much as possible. Keeping your child to a structure of learning will help both you and your child, and will help greatly with routines once school returns.

Many thanks for your continued support and please stay safe in these difficult times.

Best wishes

Mrs April Gibson (Deputy Head teacher)