



Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College for Girls

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Parental weekly update: Friday 15.01.2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it through another week of school and I hope the majority of the Norbury community are safe and well. We send our condolences to our members who have lost loved ones this week or have family members who are poorly at home. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.

As we are operating remotely during lockdown please be aware that I am inundated with emails so please in the first instance any concerns go through your daughters form tutor, if it's to do with attendance please contact our Attendance & Welfare officer Mrs Patel via the school office, IT issues Mr P Harris and for safeguarding: Ms Tsoukkas, Ms Campbell and Ms Patten. I will endeavour to get through my emails as soon as possible.

The government have announced further changes regarding exams and COVID testing this week so please be on the lookout for those emails and you should have received this morning a mail out the local authority asked us to send to all parents.

Hopefully you have received a letter regarding the Parent Governor elections with a link to vote via a Google form. This can also be accessed via the school website. If you have applied or are interested in becoming a governor I have colleagues in other schools who are also looking for governors so please let me know and I can put you in touch with them.

There is some useful information on the link below for parents on BBC regarding lessons and those with wifi issues.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55616959>

Please vote (link below) on the proposed name change to the school if you haven't had a chance to by Wednesday 20th January 2021

<https://forms.gle/k8bn3zZf8rXQmgYH8>

Drive by pick up of resources

Due to the national lockdown we cannot have year groups on site. Therefore as a compromise you will be able to arrange for your daughter to be brought in by car /Uber to collect a pack of resources (exercise books, pens, and so on) to assist with their remote learning at home. This is not compulsory it is only if it is needed. We have



already successfully this week completed this for Year 7 (13.01.2021) and Year 11 today. For next week we are offering the following time slots for students:

- **Tuesday 19.01.2021 –Year 8 (9-11am), Year 9 (12-2pm)**
- **Wednesday 20.01.2021– Year 10(9-11am), Year 12/13 (12-2pm)**

SEN updates

Norbury Manor is very pleased to be able to offer an advice clinic in conjunction with Croydon Speech and Language Service (SALT). They have offered the school the chance of an Advice Clinic for parents. This is an opportunity for a virtual 3-way conversation between school, family and SALT where concerns / barriers to progress relating to speech, language and/or communication can be discussed, with advice for parents and school and possible strategies to try out at home and school. This would be an opportunity to discuss any speech, language and communication skills concerns you may have noticed in your daughter, such as:

- Can she follow multi-step instructions?
- Can she understand what is being said in lessons?
- Does she have trouble with recalling specific words, or learning new words?
- Does she often misunderstand what people are saying?

Please email Ms Gwynn (sgwynn4.306@lgflmail.com) to register your interest and concerns by 27th January. The potential time slot for these clinics would be Friday morning (TBC).

Remote Learning Assessment Windows

	Spring 1	Spring 2
KS3 (Yr-9)	As directed by subjects (if required)	22 nd Feb-26 th Feb Further information to follow
Yr 10	4 th Feb – 11 th Feb 2021	As directed by subjects (if required)
Yr 11	28 th Jan – 4 th Feb 2021	Formal Mock Exams begin: 8 th March
Yr 12	1 st Feb – 3 rd Feb 2021	
Yr 13	1 st Feb – 3 rd Feb 2021 (Students who take Criminology will sit a controlled assessment on 4.2.21)	

February BTEC Examinations

A small cohort of Yr 11 students had a BTEC examination scheduled in February 2021. The DfE has announced that scheduled assessments for vocational qualifications will not take place in February and March. This means this external examination will not go ahead.

Pearson, the examining body for the BTEC these students were going sit, have stated that arrangements will be put in place for students who are now unable to

take their external assessment to ensure they are not disadvantaged. What these arrangements are is currently under consultation and of course once we have any further information about this we will inform the students affected by this change.

Online Lessons

We have reminded students this week that they should attend the online sessions and if for any reason this is not possible please can they inform their form tutor. If they are unwell please ring school attendance as normal and record the absence. Any student who does not attend lessons without reason will be followed up by the Education Welfare officer.

A reminder that normal expectations around behaviour still stand and any student that chooses to undermine the purpose of on line lessons or expectations with regard to social media will be sanctioned on their return to school.

Please keep well and I will be in touch next week with further updates

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hayden', written in a cursive style.

Mrs M Hayden
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