

School Closure – Expectations of Students Y7-9

Although the school site is closed to all students, we will be operating as a 'virtual school' Your teachers will be working hard to make sure you still have access to teaching and learning materials that are appropriate to you and your learning. We will continue to support you with your education and believe that the expectations outlined below will allow you to continue your learning and supported to do well.

Communication

- We will communicate with you about school work via SMHW. Your teachers will set tasks, quizzes and tests for you to complete. Take your time to read the information because your teacher will be using this to send messages about the virtual lesson. You can access this on a computer device and also on a smartphone. You can download the app.
- If there is a need to email teachers, then you must use your school email account. Your teachers will also use their school email account to reply. You might not always get a response quickly though! However, this form of communication will be rare for students in Years 7-9 and will only take place between school hours which are 9am-3pm.

Lessons

- Teaching and learning activities will be set on SMHW and will focus on helping you recall previous knowledge and concepts as well as some research based tasks. This will involve reading articles/essays/webpages and ask you questions. You will be set activities such as summary notes, flashcards, mindmaps.
- Use online platforms such as Pixl, YouTube, TES, Tassomai, Hegarty maths to help you revisit work or practise concepts.
- You may also have been given other resources to work on such as work booklets.
- Work set will not always rely on computer access. Your teachers will ensure that a range of tasks are available.
- One of the most important activities for you to do is to read. You will find suggested reading lists for all students on the school website. You can also access Accelerated Reader by clicking on the link on the school website.

'Handing in' your work

- You might be asked to 'hand in' work via SMHW or school email.
- Teacher's will try and mark work if this is appropriate within 2 days but it may take longer – please be patient.
- You can gain reward points for completing work set by your teachers. Even though this is a 'virtual school' – you will still be rewarded on Go4Schools.

Useful websites:

You can find useful websites and information about Show My Homework by visiting <https://www.lincolncastleacademy.co.uk/wordpress/resources/>