



Wath Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times. I would like to share with you our updated plans for the rest of the summer term for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Teachers setting work via Satchel: One (Show My Homework)

This is a continuation of our current approach. All teaching staff will continue setting good quality lessons and work via Satchel: One (Show My Homework) in line with their normal timetable for all year groups in Y7, 8, 9, 10 & 12. This will allow students to follow their normal timetable at home. This will also include tutor time activities around 'Character Education' and 'Votes for Schools'. Teachers will be setting activities which allow students to make progress in their normal curriculum subjects. Students should access Satchel: One on a daily basis.

In addition to this, between now and the end of the summer term, teachers will be setting some key assessments, via Satchel: One, to test students' knowledge recall from key learning over the last few months. These assessments will show the teachers the progress students have made. It is important students continue to fully engage in the work which is set each week, but also check that they are familiar with the content since March. Students will be given advance notice of any assessments.

Delivery of two live tutor time sessions per week

From Monday 15 June Year 7, 8 and 9 Form Tutors will deliver two live tutor sessions per week: both based around Votes for Schools (VfS). Each week, the first VfS session will be used to deliver the content and provide information on both sides of the VfS debate, whilst also taking some initial views from students. Following this session students will be asked to prepare a 2 minute speech ready for the next live VfS tutor session. In the second session of the week students will debate the issue with their peers and Form Tutor and be given an opportunity to deliver their speech. These live sessions will be delivered using Microsoft Teams. Instructions and user guides will be sent out later this week. Specific details, days and times regarding the sessions will be communicated with students via Satchel: One. Students can download and access Microsoft Teams free of charge on a desktop, laptop or hand held device.

Live teaching is a new approach and for some students and staff will be a big change. We will rigorously monitor the delivery of the live sessions and we welcome feedback. We will continue to use this feedback to refine our approach over the summer term. Once this mechanism of delivery is embedded, we will look to increase our 'live delivery' subject curriculum offer in Y7, 8 & 9 as we are doing in Y10 and 12.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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