



CAMBORNE SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Learning to be Extraordinary

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

Thank you for your continued support with remote learning during this period of school closure. We have been very impressed with the work that students have produced so far. However, we are aware of some very inaccurate speculation that some teenagers are beginning to share regarding their GCSE examinations next year. Therefore, I am writing to offer you some further information and guidance to support you and your child during these unprecedented times.

The Government advice is that the **exams scheduled for 2021 will go ahead**: your son or daughter will be sitting their final GCSE examinations with the results having an impact on the rest of their lives. Therefore, **it is vital that your son/daughter continues to access their curriculum as normal**. This is particularly challenging for Year 10 students because they are not currently in lessons and so they must take full advantage of the online education that is being provided by all of their teachers.

I am writing to ask for your support whilst we work remotely in ensuring that your son or daughter is fully engaged and completing their work. All students are expected to follow their normal timetable as this is when teachers can offer them support.

Please support the school by encouraging your child to login to Google classroom and complete the work set. Below are some tips for getting the most out of remote learning:

Remote learning best practice:

- All work is being set using the online platform Google Classroom. <http://classroom.google.com>.
- Students will need to login to Google Classroom using their school email address and password.
- Each lesson will provide 60 minutes of work that will follow your child's exam specification.
- Each lesson will have one document with instructions for students written in green font.
- **Coursework in vocational subjects is being completed remotely**. We will not have time to revisit this in year 11. If this is not completed, then this will have an impact on your child's results.
- Where possible, build a set routine with set mealtimes; this should balance school work with family time and a daily physical activity.
- If you have completed all your classwork and have some remaining time, please complete independent revision using www.gcsepod.com. This is our revision software programme and instructions on how to activate your account can be found at the end of this letter.

If you require any further information on how remote work is being set then please visit <https://www.cambornescience.co.uk>. The homepage contains guides on how to access Google Classroom, the codes needed to join specific groups as well as further contact information if you require additional support.

I know that it can be difficult to motivate teenagers to work, especially first thing in the morning, but it is vital students continue their learning to ensure they reach their full potential and ready for their final examinations in May 2021.

Finally, if I can be of any additional support do not hesitate to contact me. I would like to thank you in advance for your support and hope you stay safe during this difficult period.

Kind regards,

Mr O Kirkbride – Assistant Principal, Raising Standards.

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