



CAMBORNE SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Learning to be Extraordinary

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Live learning experiences - Guided Home Learning

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your ongoing support with Guided Home Learning. We have continued to be impressed with the engagement and commitment of all of our students. We are continually reviewing our remote learning provision, and as such have continued to offer the Extraordinary me and student challenges which we know are so important to our staff and students, helping us to keep our CSIA community thriving despite not being in the building.

We are now in the process of expanding our distance learning offer to students by including 'live' experiences alongside lessons set on Google Classroom. We are currently in the process of creating a programme for all students, with students in Year 11 and 10 seeing the greatest number of 'live lessons'. Over the next few weeks, we hope that all Year 7-9 students will also have the opportunity to participate in 'live' experiences: these could be live consolidation lessons, live quiz opportunities, live question and answers. We hope that these experiences will help keep students motivated and engaged for guided home learning, and that students will enjoy the opportunity to connect with their teachers and their peers. Please keep an eye out on the Year team Google Classrooms for year group specific updates.

For live experiences, we will be using Zoom. Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service allowing students to see and hear their teacher during normal timetabled lessons. Zoom is free to install but can also be accessed through a link without the need for specialist software.

Zoom meeting links and passwords will be shared on Google Classroom prior to lessons starting. The meeting ID and password must never be shared with any other person and these codes should never be shared or publicised on social media. Students who join will have their microphones and webcams automatically disabled. Meetings will be set up to ensure that students are only able to view and listen to their teacher. A comments feature will allow students to ask live questions about the tasks that have been set. We ask that students do not make recordings, take screenshots/screengrabs or photographs, or store or distribute footage of teachers. We expect that students will follow the school rules for conduct during online lessons as if they were in school.

Zoom is intended to complement the resources and guidance for each lesson. The live experiences are not compulsory and if you would prefer your child not to participate in the live experience, they can continue to follow the lesson as usual. We also understand that due to limitations with access to technology, some students may not be able to join a meeting. For this reason, all guidance and resources will still be available on Google Classroom where teachers will check and support students through comments on work.

We will continue to provide support with any online safety concerns through the Year Group Support form on our home page. We also have guidance for parents and students on the Online Safety page of our website: <https://www.cambornescience.co.uk/online-safety>

Yours sincerely

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