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Remote Learning Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on some changes to our remote learning plans over the next few days.

Year 11 pupils have shown great tenacity and maturity this week with their revision for the mock exams. This morning they have made an excellent start to their mock exams with the first Biology paper. All exams for Year 11 are based in the Sports Hall with the two H block classrooms set up for pupils who have access arrangements in place for their exams. We have extra heaters on site to ensure the rooms are ready to support the pupils to work at their best in their exams.

We have worked with the Department for Education to get IT facilities and internet set up in G block and we have been supported by our partner schools in the trust and NWSLC who have provided us with tables and chairs, to enable additional areas of the old school building to now be utilised.

Year 10 Pupils

We are now able to open to Year 10 pupils from 8.40am tomorrow on Thursday 9th November. Pupils will be on site for four lessons each day. They will leave at 1.00pm at the start of lunch and complete the 5th lesson remotely from home. The majority of their timetable will be as normal with some slight changes removing PE lessons and adding in more core subject lessons whilst they are in school.

FAQs – Year 10

- What is the situation with toilets on site?
Pupils can use the portable toilets that have been hired – they are brand new, and of a high quality. These are located on the playground.
- What is the situation with food?
We are not able to serve food on site – pupils will need to bring snacks for break time; we will finish lesson at 1:00pm so that pupils can leave site for their lunch. We have a supply of bottled water which we can offer to pupils if needed.
- My child is in Year 10 – what should they be doing during the P5 slot?
Pupils will be set a Personal Development session on the remote learning page on our website. Pupils will also have access to work on Sparx Maths and Educake.
- How are pupils being registered?
On Class Charts as normal.

Remote Learning Live Lessons for Years 7-9

The daily HART Check in sessions started yesterday and have been well attended. There were issues for some pupils getting logged in yesterday but we are working with individuals to get these resolved.

From Monday 13th November we will be moving some of our remote learning to live lessons on Teams for English, maths and science each day. The schedule for these lesson is below. In addition to the live lessons for English, maths and science there will continue to be lessons on the remote learning page of the website. These pre-recorded lessons are to be completed after lunch each day.

The links to the live lessons should appear on your child's Teams calendar by the end of this week. We will also copy the links and share these with parents via Weduc later this week. The lessons may not be your child's usual subject teacher. We are not able to accommodate all staff on our reduced site so staff are moving between teaching Year 10 pupils on site and delivering live lessons from home.

If you have any issues logging in or any questions about the live lessons then please contact us homeworkHHA@midlandat.co.uk

YEAR 7	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HART 09:00 – 09:15	HART Check In				
1 09:40 - 10:35	English	English	English	English	English
2 11:00 - 11:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
3 12:00 - 12:55	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths

YEAR 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HART 09:00 – 09:15	HART Check In				
1 09:40 - 10:35	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
2 11:00 - 11:55	English	English	English	English	English
3 12:00 - 12:55	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science

YEAR 9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HART 09:00 – 09:15	HART Check In				
1 09:40 - 10:35	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
2 11:00 - 11:55	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
3 12:00 - 12:55	English	English	English	English	English

We want to reassure you that both the Trust and the school are doing everything we can to minimise the impact of this delay on our pupils' education. We have mobilised all available resources to address the situation effectively and continue to explore every possible option.

We understand that the delay to the move into the new building is frustrating and causes an inconvenience to parents but would reiterate that this has arisen as a result of the construction process, managed by the Department for Education and is beyond the control of the School and The Midland Academies Trust.

We are working closely with the DfE and relevant authorities and will continue to keep you updated on progress and provide you with the latest information as soon as it becomes available. In the meantime, we are here to support you and your children through this challenging period.

We remain committed to delivering the best education possible for your children and look forward to introducing them to the fantastic new facilities that will be available to them in the weeks ahead. Your support is invaluable at this challenging time, and we remain grateful for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing: infoHHA@midlandat.co.uk.

We are here to assist you and provide any information or support you may need.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lorraine Taylor
Principal