



Dear Parent

As promised, I am writing to update you on school arrangements following the Welsh Government decision to put in place a 'fire break'. This is a significant announcement that will see the whole of Wales enter a period of heightened restrictions that will run from 6pm on Friday 23rd October through to 9th November 2020. The experience will feel very similar to the full lockdown that we experienced in March this year, albeit this time the lockdown will be for a 'short, sharp' period designed to slow the spread of Covid-19.

We recognise that this is, once again, a difficult time for everyone. However, we have put in a significant amount of training and preparation at MCS to be ready for this situation, and we are confident that all students will receive an excellent standard of education during this period of blended learning.

Access to remote learning

The **Parent Guide to Remote Learning** can be found on this [LINK](#) to our website.

The **Student Guide to Remote Learning** can be found on this [LINK](#) to our website.

Relevant dates

Year Group	Week commencing 26.10.20	Week commencing 02.11.20	Week commencing 09.11.20
Year 7	Half term	In school	In school
Year 8	Half term	In school	In school
Year 9	Half term	At home - remote learning	In school
Year 10	Half term	At home - remote learning	In school
Year 11	Half term	At home - remote learning	In school
Year 12	Half term	At home - remote learning	In school
Year 13	Half term	At home - remote learning	In school

School transport

School transport will run as usual for Years 7 and 8 in the blended learning week.

Student wellbeing

All students in Years 9-13 will receive a wellbeing contact from school during the blended learning week. If you have any concerns during this period, please contact the school through our usual channels.



GCSE and University Entrance exams

All students that are due to take public exams in November will be able to do so, unless they are self-isolating.

Stay safe, and I hope that you enjoy a restful half term break. Thank you for all of your kind messages of support for the school and the staff. It is very much appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely

Hugo Hutchison
Headteacher

ONLINE LEARNING AT MCS

LEARNING EXPERIENCES CAN BE JUST AS VALUABLE IN A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT



Google Classroom



WHEN AND WHERE WILL MY LESSONS AND ASSIGNMENTS APPEAR?

Pre-recorded lessons and assignments will be uploaded to Google Classroom. You will receive work on the day of or the day before your timetabled lessons.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR LEARNING ONLINE?

- Turn off your mobile phone
- Close any other tabs that are open on the device that you are using
- Have the equipment needed for the lesson

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I NEED HELP?

You can contact your form tutor via email or send a message via Google Classroom to your subject teacher. If you have forgotten your login details, email Mr Webb or Ms Mills.