

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are well and that your son/daughter is adjusting to working from home in what we know to be a very challenging time. The wellbeing of all of our students remains a priority for us and therefore I am writing to inform you of the pastoral support in place for your child during this period of school closure.

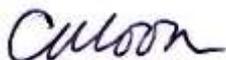
From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, pupils will be following live lessons in line with their school timetable (via Microsoft Teams) in the vast majority of subjects. I expect this move to live lessons to be positive and worthwhile for all pupils, so please emphasise to your child the importance of attending all lessons as they would in school. Where your child is unwell or attending an appointment and therefore unable to attend a Teams lesson, please email the school office. It is essential that your child follow the school's advice and that they take regular breaks from their screen during the school day. To facilitate this, teachers will be delivering the first part of each lesson on Teams (20-45 mins) and the last part of the lesson will usually be time to complete a written task set.

Over the course of this period of school closure, we will be in regular contact with you and your child to support their wellbeing and learning. By February half-term, all pupils will have received two phone calls from their Form Tutor and this will be an opportunity for you and your child to discuss any successes or concerns in relation to their home learning experience. The pastoral programme continues to be set each week by the Head of Year, including a recorded assembly which relates to our Ashmole values. In addition to this, Heads of Year are regularly updating the pastoral pages on Firefly with a wealth of practical resources and activities to support wellbeing. Pupils will be set a weekly pastoral challenge and they will be rewarded for their participation, with all successes shared each week on Achievement Friday.

If you have any questions or you would like a call from a member of the pastoral team during this period of school closure, please email [staff@ashmoleacademy.org](mailto:staff@ashmoleacademy.org) with your request.

I hope that your child continues to feel supported by the school whilst working remotely and I wish them every success with their studies.

Yours faithfully



Ms C Moon  
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