

Dear Students, Parents and Carers.

5 Jan 2021

I am sure you are aware of the Prime Minister's announcement relating to school closures. This means that our remote provision will be continuing for all year groups for longer than planned. To accommodate the number of critical worker and vulnerable students in school we have had to adjust the provision slightly from the staggered opening plan.

Students in all year groups will be set work through assignments for all lessons. At least 50% of any subject area will be either a live lesson or a Teams meeting in which live support is in place. These will be scheduled in students' Outlook and Teams Calendars. The other 50% of the lessons will be independent study time in which the work will be complete, set by classroom teachers, through the assignments section on teams.

There is an expectation that students sign into the live lessons so that their attendance can be monitored.

If students have any issues with accessing work on Teams or understanding the work set they should email their teacher as their first point of contact to try and resolve the issue.

We are putting together a report that we hope to be ready for next week that will outline student engagement in online provision, I hope to get this out to you as soon as possible. Staff may be working from home and contact you about the UTC. They will appear as a number withheld. They will leave you a message and try again when needed.

At this moment in time The Department for Education and Ofqual are insisting that January vocational examinations are taking place. As a trust we are seeking further clarification about the best course of action for next week's exams. Students should prepare as if they are going ahead until notified otherwise.

At the moment there is very little detail around the process for issuing grades in the summer. I must emphasise that any additional coursework, trial exam or formative / summative assessment is likely be used as teacher evidence to justify a grades. This applies to every year group where students will be sitting formal examinations. Every piece of work they do is of value towards this process including any online work and submissions.

Current guidance is that students who qualify for free school meals and are not attending the UTC lockdown the guidance is to continue with the food parcels not the national voucher scheme. If you require a parcel and have not yet contacted us please email to let us know.

I realise supporting home learning is not an easy task. We are here to support parents and students in any way we can. Please contact school if you have any concerns or need any support going forward.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stevenson".

Mrs. Jessica Stevenson
Principal
UTC OLP