

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Y9 REMOTE LEARNING

As you will be aware, from Tuesday 5th January all secondary pupils including year 9 will work remotely from home. Please ensure you have read our Parent Remote Learning Handbook ([here](#)) in preparation to support your child with this.

On **Tuesday 5th January** all pupils will be expected to log into their tutor group Google classroom by 8.45am and are expected to complete three tasks which are detailed below:

Task 1: PSHE activity. This will be set by the class tutor and will include a task to be submitted/turned in via Google classroom at the end of the day. This is to ensure all pupils are confident in accessing the learning platform.

Task 2: As you are aware Hegarty is an online platform that the Academy subscribes to and some of your child's maths homework is set via this tool. Hegarty can be accessed via all devices including a mobile phone. On Tuesday we will expect your child to log on to Hegarty and complete any outstanding work set from before the holiday and also two MemRi tasks. Please support your child by checking before the end of the day that they have been able to access Hegarty Maths and by asking them to explain to you what a MemRi task is!

Task 3: Last term we were pleased to announce that our new online app for e-books and audio books is now available for all secondary pupils to use at home for free. Pupils can access over 1000 books and 100s of audio books from the app, just by clicking on the 'Overdrive' tab on the RM Unify Launchpad, which pupils use to access their school email and Google Classrooms. They can also download it onto their smart phone. Your child will be able to locate the instructions to access this app via their tutor classroom. Please encourage your child to download a book and begin reading via this platform on Tuesday. They will need to share what they have downloaded with their tutor.

From **Wednesday 5th January** all Year 9 pupils' teachers will deliver a combination of live lessons and set tasks via Google Meet, including a daily registration with the tutor via Google classroom, where a register will be taken and if your child is not present, a phone call will be made to following up on the absence. Throughout the day, the engagement of pupils will be recorded and followed up accordingly. Class teachers will reward/sanction via Sims achievement and behaviour points as normal, therefore it is vital that your child is logged on and ready to learn so that they are able to fully access the learning their teachers will be providing.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you and pupils that when pupils do return to school, they will sit their Ranking examinations at some stage in the term. At the end of the school day (2.30pm), is the perfect opportunity to continue preparing for the ranking examinations through independent revision.

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Pupils should follow the timings below in line with their normal school timetable:

Timings	Y9
8.45 – 9.00am	Registration with tutor
9.00 – 9.55am	Lesson 1 (login in to subject Google classroom for live lesson)
9.55 – 10.50am	Lesson 2 (login in to subject Google classroom for live lesson)
10.50 – 11.45am	Lesson 3 (login in to subject Google classroom for live lesson)
11.45 – 12.40pm	Lunch
12.40 – 1.35pm	Lesson 4 (login in to subject Google classroom for live lesson)
1.35 – 2.30pm	Lesson 5 (login in to subject Google classroom for live lesson)
2.30pm onwards	End of teaching day for pupils however KS4 pupils are expected to complete some private study/revision

If your child has limited or no access to a laptop or device, please email Mr Charlery on the email address below.

All secondary children from families of keyworkers are able to send their child into school during the period of school closure as stated in the previous letter from Ms Baldwin, Headteacher. Please contact info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk if you are eligible and wish your child to come into school.

As it stands, from Mon 11th January, pupils in Year 9 will continue to work remotely from home. From Mon 18th January, all secondary pupils return to school. In regards to the COVID 19 national testing programme for secondary aged pupils, we are in the process of setting up the programme and we will communicate how this will work with you later this week. In the meantime, please refer to the testing information leaflet sent out by Ms Baldwin, Headteacher, last week.

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring home learning runs as smoothly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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