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A PRIORY ACADEMY

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

As we head into our fourth week of remote learning we are all; students, staff and families, finding the routines that work for us. These routines and ways of working will be different depending on your individual circumstances and so I would like to remind you all of the advice written by Mr Brewer:

- We know that every student is different; some may complete tasks in less than an hour, others may only get half way through in that time. Set a realistic time limit for a task, and when that is up, stop working on the task. You can always return to it another day if you have completed your other work.
- As far as work completion is concerned, we would always favour quality rather than quantity.
- Routine is good. Use the planning table in the [Remote Learning Guide](#) to help you set a learning plan for each day, sticking to school hours and building in breaks.
- Remember that education in the form of life-skills is everywhere around us: cooking, baking, reading, listening to music, gardening, cleaning.... You could set yourself some daily life-skill tasks too, which I am sure your parents/carers would appreciate!
- Reading is a great way to relax and support your well-being. Mrs Coggan has prepared a list of reading resources you can access at home.
- Staying connected with school is also important, so keep sending an email each week or have a chat with your tutor during the form check-ins just to let us know how you are getting on and how you are feeling. A list of staff emails can be found on the Student Support page of SharePoint.

The Home Learning area of the [school website](#) continues to be developed to support students and their families with all aspects of remote learning, including guidance and help sheets for accessing different programmes. There are also a number of wellbeing guides and resources available, including a fantastic powerpoint of tips created by Kenzie in 7.3.

The Live lesson timetable for the week beginning 25th January is attached to this letter. Please remember that 'live' sessions have been designed to support you in your home learning. If you do not have a timetabled live lesson, please use your time to complete the independent learning tasks which can be found on SharePoint.

You will notice two changes to your timetable this week.

- Mr Lawson will be delivering Drama live lessons to smaller student groups to allow more opportunity for student performance and participation. Students will be invited to a time slot within the timetabled Drama periods. Students will not be expected to attend the full 2 hours, and can use the remainder of the time to complete independent tasks.
- Mr Brewer is currently away from school recovering from surgery, and so there will not be a live IT lesson for a few weeks. Mr Brewer has emailed all students with details of the independent tasks he would you to work on. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mr Brewer a speedy recovery.

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Live lesson Timetable, starting Monday, 25th January 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Form check-in	Drama (students will be invited into time slots by Mr Lawson)	Maths	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint	Music
2	English	Drama (students will be invited into time slots by Mr Lawson)	PSHMRE	IT (independent work)	Art
3	Technology	Spanish	Geography	History	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint
4	Reading (recorded)	Science	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint	English	Form check-in
5	PE with Miss Whelan (recorded)	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint	Independent working on tasks as set on SharePoint

Yours faithfully



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