

31 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I'm sure you're aware from the media, there have been some further changes to the dates that students will return to school. Year 11 students will now return on Monday 11 January with all other students returning on Monday 18 January.

Arrangements for Tuesday 5 January – Friday 15 January:

- Students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be taught remotely via Microsoft Teams or using information from the VLE following their normal school timetable as far as possible.
- Students in year 11 will be taught remotely as above from Tuesday 5 – Friday 8 January until they return to school on Monday 11 January. The mock exams will therefore be moved back by one week with the exception of any national exams which will take place as scheduled. Further information regarding this is given below.

If your son or daughter is entitled to free school meals, vouchers will be provided for the days your son/daughter is not in school. These will be ordered and sent out during week commencing 4 January.

As mentioned in my letter dated 18 December, students from the following groups will still be able to return to school from Tuesday 5 January if required:

- Children of key workers
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Looked After Children
- Young Carers
- Children who have a Social Worker

Additionally, students who do not have a suitable device to access remote learning are able to return to school on Tuesday 5 January.

If your son/daughter falls into one of the groups stated above and you would like them to return to school on Tuesday 5 January, can you please email headspa@jarrowschool.com by 11am on Monday 4 January if you have not already done so. If you do not contact us, we will assume your son/daughter will return on Monday 18 January (year 11 students – Monday 11 January) with all other students.

National Exams

As some of our year 10/11 students have national exams during the first two weeks in January, can the following students also attend school at the times stated below:

- **Year 10 Music students (and year 11 students who are resitting the exam)** to attend school from 9am – 11am on Wednesday 6 January for a face to face revision session. Students will then be required to attend on **Thursday 7 January to sit the exam**. The exam starts at 9am therefore students should be in attendance by 8.40am.

- **Year 10 Child Development students** to attend school from 9am – 11am on Thursday 7 January for a face to face revision session. Students will then be required to attend on **Wednesday 13 January to sit the exam**. The exam starts at 9am therefore students should be in attendance by 8.40am.
- **The year 11 Sports Science exam** will take place as scheduled on Monday 11 January. The exam starts at 9am therefore students should be in attendance by 8.40am. If a face to face revision session is required, students will be contacted during week beginning 4 January.
- **The year 11 Engineering exam** will take place as scheduled on Tuesday 12 January. If a face to face revision session is required, students will be contacted during week beginning 4 January.

A letter regarding the rapid testing process including a consent request form will be sent out on Monday 4 January by text. If you do not receive this by Tuesday 5 January, can you please contact the school reception on 0191 4283200.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email headspa@jarrowschool.com if you have any queries regarding the information given above.

I hope you've had a good Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

J. Gillies

Miss J Gillies
Head Teacher