

Stay Safe. Stay Positive. Smile.

When faced with the challenges of another national lockdown we must stay safe, follow the rules and the guidance, stay strong and positive in the knowledge the vaccine is coming and there is light ahead, and we must keep smiling.

The school has felt very quiet this week, and we have missed you all, but we have been so impressed with your learning attitude and engagement. Home learning is not easy for any of us and is certainly no substitute for being in the classroom. We hope that our offer is working for you, and I must thank you and your family for their support, help and engagement in this. Please do remember to look after yourselves, taking breaks and exercising as you go, and please do get in touch if anything is not working or you are struggling.

We are in this together, and we will get through this. **Together, We Are The Wren.**



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Next Week - Week A

Are you unwell? 1

Please remember that if your child is unwell and unable to engage in learning, whether in school or at home, you should continue to report their absence as normal by contacting the school.

Thank you

8:50am 2

All students should be online at **8:50am EVERY DAY**. They must join their tutors for regular assemblies and to catch up on the latest news.

The Wren 3 gets walking

Friday 8th January - Friday 15th January

The Wren challenges you, and your family, to get walking.

Share a photo of your walk, yourself walking or just the landscape or image by tagging us Twitter or Instagram.

Complete this [form](#) to share your success. Entries by **8:30am Monday 18th January**.

How far can we go this week?

Watch out for next week's **Wren10 Challenge**.

#WeAreTheWren
#WrenGetsWalking

Great Remote Learning 5

Following your feedback and after reviewing our offer last term we have updated our remote learning offer, which comes into effect from Monday. Attached is a simple parent and student guide on what you can expect from us. This is also available on our website.

We want to ensure that your child has the **highest quality and standard** of remote learning as possible, that they are able to easily **engage** in the work, and that they are **challenged** by the work. We also believe that our teachers know best and so give them ownership of what each individual lesson looks like.

Student Wellbeing & Advice 6

Students being safe and happy during these challenging times is essential. As a school community we will do everything we can to consider and look after the wellbeing of everyone in our community.

The attached 'Wellbeing @ The Wren' sheet gives you an overview of how wellbeing is a priority and some useful resources for students and parents.

School Day - CHANGES 7

From **Monday 11th January** the timings of the school day will change for all students, both in school and for remote learning. These are the lesson start times.

Tutor	8:50am
Lesson 1	9:20am
Lesson 2	10:20am
Break	
Lesson 3	11:40am
Lesson 4	12:45pm
Lunch	
Lesson 5	2:15pm
End of the Day	3:15pm

Year 9... 8

Our Year 9 Options Student and Parent information guide is now online and can be found [here](#).

With you not being in school at the moment there will be some changes to our timeline and you will receive further details soon.

However, please ensure that **Monday 8th February** is in your diary for our **Virtual Options Evening**.

Food Parcels 4

These are difficult times and we want to support our community as best we can.

We have a number of food parcels to distribute to families in need. If you would like a food parcel or like to nominate someone please contact Jo Juster.

jjuster@wren.excalibur.org.uk

All requests will be treated confidentially.

Year 11... 9

How are you?

Thank you so much for your continued hard work this week. We have been so impressed with how you are engaging and just getting on with your learning.

What do we know now?

Not much has changed this week. We now know you will be given a Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) in the summer, but we are awaiting further details on how this will be derived.

All we can do now is continue to work, continue to be positive and continue to shine. This is your time to show us what you can do.

Finally, don't forget the application deadline, 11th January, is fast approaching for our Sixth Form.

Remote Learning 10

Did you know that you can access Teams, and all your remote learning through your PS4 and Xbox?

Thank you to Ali in Year 8 for creating this helpful guide that shows you how.

Watch it [here](#).