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Dear Parents,

We are saddened and frustrated that we have been forced to revert to remote operation for the next five weeks or so. Children benefit intellectually, socially, emotionally and psychologically from being physically present in School with their peers. Nevertheless, you will be aware that the quality of our online provision is truly world class and that there has never been a time when the opportunity to engage with learning has felt more precious. Our children's aspirations should not be diminished by the challenging global context within which we live. Our teachers will work fantastically hard to ensure that they continue to thrive academically during the weeks ahead. During the last lockdown the close partnership between home and school ensured that our children continued to make excellent progress. It is our aim to provide as 'normal' an educational experience as possible for our children with attendant activities, assemblies, tutor periods, creative opportunities etc. We work hard to overcome the physical distance between us. We have taught over thirty thousand lessons remotely and, consequently, we know what works.

Arrangements for online learning

Lessons for all pupils in the Senior School will commence online tomorrow at 08.05am - please see adjustment to lesson timings below.

All lesson content will be shared via Google Classroom and all lessons will be live and take place on Zoom. Each teacher has placed their unique Zoom link at the top of their Google Classroom "classwork" page and pupils should click on this link at the scheduled start of each lesson.

Zoom links for all teachers are also available [here](#) (this document can only be accessed by using a student Rossall account and will also be shared with all pupils directly)

Our Rossall Connect guide to remote learning can be found [here](#).



The timetable remains unchanged from what it was prior to the site split undertaken for the last two weeks of last term and, should they need to, pupils can find the latest version of their timetable both on the student and parent iSams apps. [Instructions for how to access the iSams app can be found here.](#) If your child is struggling to access their timetable they should contact their Head of Year.

Timings of the School Day

In order to ensure that pupils are able to enjoy a good balance of online and offline learning we have, as in the previous lockdown, adjusted the timings of lessons.

	Time
Sch 1	08:05 - 08:45
Sch 2	08:55 - 09:35
Sch 3	10:00 - 10:40
Sch 4	10:50 - 11:30
Tutor time*	11:35 - 12:25
Sch 5	13:00 - 13:40
Sch 6	13:50 - 14:30
Revision / Enrichment**	14:40 - 15:40

*Tutor time - this will take the form of one to one check ins between tutors and individual pupils twice a week. There will also be a slot for whole class “form time” and year group assemblies. Pupils should look on their form Google Classroom to find out what is taking place each day

**Revision/Enrichment - these sessions will begin from Monday 11th January. A full list of activities alongside relevant Zoom links will be published before the end of the week.

#PE and Games - although these lessons cannot take place in their usual form, pupils should look out for information from their PE teachers as to what activities they should complete. This will include competitions, online sessions, challenges and webinars.



Finally...

Learning from the last lockdown we know how important it is for us to maintain a strong sense of community. Please do encourage your children to watch the online assemblies and to participate and contribute to all those activities that will be taking place outside of lesson time; these work to maintain a sense of belonging, be that through enrichment activities, performing arts online clubs, evening showcases or competitions.

We cannot wait to have all of our pupils back in school with us but until then we will continue to work to ensure that they have the best and most complete educational experience possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chris Payne, Director of Studies, (c.payne@rossall.org.uk) if you have any queries or concerns regarding online learning.

All best wishes,



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