

30th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are continuing to keep well and safe during these challenging times.

I write to provide an update on home learning. There is a separate communication for each year group, so if you have more than one child at the Academy, please do read each carefully. The information that follows includes a timetable for online “live lessons” and additional tasks. The work detailed is to be used in addition to the work sent in the previous communications regarding learning, sent on 26th March 2020 and 14th April 2020. Please do read these carefully if you have not yet accessed these.

Home learning

Students were provided with knowledge organisers and self-quizzing resources on their last day in school, and should be using these daily to quiz. Updates to knowledge organisers for the Summer term will be updated on our Academy website next week. Details of our Curriculum can be found on the Academy website (under “Curriculum”) and knowledge organisers can also be found on the Academy website (under “Learning Resources”). We will be launching “live” online lessons for year 9 in Microsoft Teams from **Monday 4th May**, and students will have 8 live lessons per week moving forward.

Furthermore, we have looked at various online platforms to support home learning, and additionally have set some specific tasks for subjects where online platforms were not suitable. This letter outlines key information regarding which resources to use and how to access these.

Live lessons from home

We will be introducing “live” online lessons from **Monday 4th May 2020**. For this, students will need access to their Academy email address. To access, please visit the Academy website and scroll to the bottom of the page. In the “Remote Working” section select “Webmail.” This will also allow students to email their teachers any questions.

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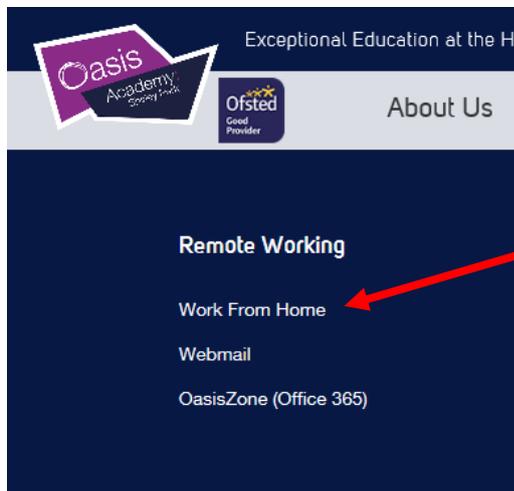


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Once selected, students have more guidance on a range of online services, including Microsoft Teams. Any issues please email servicedesk@oasisuk.org outlining the student, academy and issue.

Students will then need to access Microsoft Teams. This can be downloaded onto laptops/computers, and is also available as an app. Students can log in using their Academy email address. Information on how to login to Microsoft Teams is attached. Further guidance can also be found on the “Work From Home” section on the website, again at the bottom of the page.

Once logged in, students will have access to virtual classrooms. Their teachers will invite them to lessons, lessons will be delivered virtually. Teachers will set students online assignments for students to complete, and they will be able to communicate via the chat function. It is important students’ turn off their video and audio, they attend all sessions, submit their assignments and remain professional on the chat at all times. There will be a follow up for any students who behave poorly during these online lessons and those who do not attend or complete assignments.

Students in year 9 will have 8 “live” lessons per week. It would be really useful if students have paper and their pencil case available for these sessions.

Please see the timetable for year 9 which will run weekly beginning on 4th May below, it is important students are logged into their class for the start time. **Please note, there will be no lessons on Friday 8th May due to the Bank Holiday.**

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Monday 8.30	Tuesday 8.30	Wednesday 8.30	Thursday 8.30	Friday 8.30
Maths			MFL Band Y (for students who usually have their lessons Wednesday period 5 and Thursday period 1 and 2) PE/Dance Band X (for students who usually have their lessons on Wednesday period 5 and Thursday period 1 and 2)	Humanities (Geography or History)
Monday 11.00	Tuesday 11.00	Wednesday 11.00	Thursday 11.00	Friday 11.00
	Science	English	MFL Band X (for students who usually have their lessons on Monday period 1 and 2 and Wednesday period 6) PE/Dance Band Y (for students who usually have their lessons on Monday period 1 and 2 and Wednesday period 6)	

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Monday 13.20	Tuesday 13.20	Wednesday 13.20	Thursday 13.20	Friday 13.20
	Options (Business Studies, Media Studies, Music, Art, Sociology)			

Other tasks

Below are the additional tasks set by teachers. These are to be used in addition to “live” lessons, the assignments set on Microsoft Teams and also alongside the work set in the previous communication, which students should continue to work on (please see previous communications for more details)

Subject	Task	Contact
English	Complete 2 x comprehension tasks (see appendices)	Any issues regarding Maths please email Michael.healy@oasisshirleypark.org
Spanish	Complete worksheet (see appendices)	Any issues regarding Spanish please email Lucia.ruggiero@oasisshirleypark.org
French	Complete 2 x worksheets (see appendices)	Any issues regarding French please email Lucia.ruggiero@oasisshirleypark.org
Dance (GCSE)	Complete Dance home learning tasks (see appendices)	Any issues regarding Dance please email Jennifer.hill@oasisshirleypark.org
Media Studies	Complete Media task (see appendices)	Any issues regarding Media Studies please email Sabrina.iqbal@oasisshirleypark.org

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Other home learning activities

There are additional activities to support students' learning at home. We have updated this since our last communication:

- **Oak National Academy:** this website is an online resource hub which delivers lessons weekly for each year group. Take a look at their website and their schedule: <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- **Reading:** students should read for at least half an hour each day. This could be a book, or articles online. A reading list for your year group is attached.
- **Self-quizzing:** students should self-quiz every day using the knowledge organisers provided. Please use the self-quizzing guidance sheet to support.
- **Educational websites:** there are lots of great resources available. Please look at the list of educational resources in the appendices for inspiration. This also includes careers activities. Geography have also included some optional online tasks for students.
- **Physical exercise:** Joe Wicks is holding a live PE lesson to be completed in your home on his Youtube Channel every day at 9am. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1> . We have also attached a range of online Dance classes to encourage getting the whole family moving!
- **Get creative:** we would like students to be as creative as possible whilst at home. Please see the supporting information from Music, Drama and Art. We have added a guide to online Art resources (see appendices).
- **BBC Bitesize:** a great website with lots of learning resources and activities for students. Online lessons are published daily for all ages.

We hope you find these resources helpful and supportive for your son/daughter's studying at home.

For any queries, please utilise the email contacts for each subject detailed. Alternatively for any general enquiries, please email either Trudi Bromwell, Head of Year 9, at trudi.bromwell@oasisshirleypark.org, or the Academy office at Admin@oasisshirleypark.org and this will be directed to the relevant department or teacher.

Kind regards,



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Appendices

- English tasks
- Spanish task
- French tasks
- GCSE Dance tasks
- Media Studies task
- Art online resources
- Educational websites (updated to include careers)
- Microsoft Teams student guide
- Microsoft Teams detailed guide

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