

Ref GHA/CHE/WS/004

18 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

On the afternoon of Thursday 17th December the government issued new guidance for schools regarding the start of term in January 2021. Clearly, this guidance and instruction has come to schools very late in the day hence you are receiving this letter on the last day of term.

This week you will have received a letter from me outlining the start of term. You should now disregard the information in that letter about the start of term. Below is a full overview of how the week commencing Monday 4th January will look for our students.

Monday 4th January 2021

This is a scheduled teacher training day. There is no change to this day so students should not attend school.

Tuesday 5th January 2021 to Friday 8th January 2021

Students in Year 11

All students in Year 11 should attend school as usual. Times as below:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30am-2:35pm.

Friday: 9:30am-3:15pm.

Throughout this week students will be taught as usual following their timetable and taught by their regular teachers. The focus remains entirely on preparing them for exams in the summer of 2021.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Students in these year groups should remain at home. They will receive their lessons online via Google Classroom. Teachers will be delivering lessons as per the students' timetable and students should aim to complete a full day's schooling from 8:30am-2:35pm.

Each morning they will be sent a link via Google Classroom for them to use to attend a video-linked registration with their form tutor. Students are expected to attend this on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (we don't have a registration on a Friday). They should then follow their timetable as usual. Teachers will make lessons available on Google Classroom. These will be a range of live teacher led lessons, teacher led recorded lessons and independent student work. We will make sure that the work provided by teachers is accessible via laptop, tablet and mobile phone.

If your child does not have access to a device Wi-Fi internet access then please contact their Progress Leader on the appropriate year group email below:

Askyear7@bca.warrington.ac.uk

Askyear8@bca.warrington.ac.uk

Askyear9@bca.warrington.ac.uk

Askyear10@bca.warrington.ac.uk

On Friday 18th December all students in school will leave with their classroom work pack. This will contain all their subject specific work including exercise books for them to use through the four days of remote learning. If your child was absent from school on Friday 18th then they can collect their classroom work pack from main reception throughout the day on Monday 4th January 2021.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you still want us to provide a lunch please email: fsm@bca.warrington.ac.uk. So that we can work with our suppliers in good time please provide this information by 9:00am Wednesday 23rd December.

Children of Critical Workers

The government has once again asked that schools continue to provide onsite education for children of critical workers. If you are a designated keyworker and you have to send your child to school in order to attend work please email us on criticalworkers@bca.warrington.ac.uk

In your email please provide the following:

1. Your designated critical worker role.
2. Name and year group of your child

So that we can plan effectively please provide us with this information by 9:00 am Wednesday 23rd December 2020.

I understand you will have concerns about your child missing additional time at school. However, I am confident that with your encouragement and the quality of education we will continue to provide we can ensure they return after this short absence ready to continue with their learning.

All students should return to school as normal on Monday 11 January 2021. Finally, I'm sure you have seen the media reports about schools having the ability to routinely test staff and students from January 2021. Once, again this announcement has come very late in the school term which means I am unable to offer precise information as to how this will work at BCA other than to say we have started planning how we will manage this and that I will provide further details in early January.

Once again, thank you for your support and patience as we work through this ongoing situation.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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