



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

7 January 2021

Hello Year 7,

I hope you are well and have had a wonderful Christmas. As we approach the end of our first week of online learning I thought it would be a good time to write to you. As you will be aware, this week the Prime Minister put the country into a national lockdown. This has meant that staff at the academy have had to change their plans; to allow for a longer period of home learning. For older students within the academy they have been through this process with us before (last summer) and so they know the procedure. However, this is your first time, so please don't be afraid to ask for help or support if you are unsure.

All work will be uploaded onto Satchel One where you should expect to see five lessons each day. These will be pink in colour to indicate that it is classwork. Ready to Learn tasks will also be added. This will follow your usual two week timetable. It is important, where possible, to try and follow the academy day, as during your usual lesson time you will be able to ask your teacher a question via the Zoom link on Satchel One (in the description of the task). Please note that this link will only appear just before the start of the scheduled lesson and will only be available for that hour only. Here you can ask your teacher questions if you are unsure about the work. In order to do this, click on the Zoom link sent to you by your teacher and then you can talk to your teacher about specific aspects of the work that you are struggling with. They can then guide you through the answers. Please use your full name on Zoom, otherwise the teacher will not be able to admit you into the Zoom session.

Next week we will also be introducing some "live" lessons on Zoom. This will involve the teacher delivering the lesson to you rather than uploading a narrated PowerPoint. Hopefully you will find these lessons useful and further information about this will be detailed in a letter to be sent home by Mr Willerton.

There are a number of ways that you can upload your work onto Satchel One. You can type your answers directly into the comment box, you can add an attachment (the same way as you would attach an email) and you can also take a photo of your work and upload this straight onto Satchel One. Hopefully you will find the method that works best for you. Teachers will accept any of the submission methods above from you.

I have also received a number of queries regarding 'setting' this week, as you may have noticed a different teacher has been setting your work on Satchel One. As an academy, we have decided to continue with mixed setting, apart from top sets in core subjects. This is due to the number of 'bubble' closures and self-isolation periods that Year 7 experienced during the first term. This setting will be reviewed again later in the year. Do not worry - you can be confident in your teacher's judgement that you are in the correct class.

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Staff at the academy have also been working hard this week creating an onsite Covid-19 Testing Centre. This is a positive move forward for us, as this will enable us to test both staff and students regularly onsite. This testing process will also mean that should you be identified as a 'close contact' of a positive Covid-19 case then the daily testing available will enable you to remain in the academy rather than having to self-isolate; which I know was a frustration for many of you! Further information on this will follow.

In the meantime, please continue to work hard with your online learning, take care of yourself and stay safe.

Best Wishes

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