



# CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Home Learning**

I am writing to you to set out the plan for home learning that your child will be following during the period in which school is closed, which at the moment is until February half term.

In thinking about our approach to home learning, we have been conscious of it being:

- Ambitious but achievable.
- The same as our intended curriculum for your child.
- Easily assessed to gauge how well they are progressing in their curriculum.
- Delivered through teacher-led explanations and models, but with plenty of opportunities for independent work and for pupils to work without interruption.
- Resourced so as to present as few barriers to learning as possible.

In summary, your child will be following their usual timetable from home, logging into live broadcasts of their lessons by their teachers, completing tasks in their workbooks from school, and submitting their work and answering questions on Show My Homework. This started for Year 11 and Year 13 this week and will start for all other Year groups on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Each morning your child should log onto Show My Homework where they will find their timetable and the tasks they need to complete for each lesson including their tutor period at 8:55am. Each of these tasks on Show My Homework will include a link to a live broadcast of the lesson by their teacher. No additional software is required for this live broadcast, as it can be watched in a browser and without a Microsoft Teams account by viewing anonymously. The registration for that lesson and communication between pupil and teacher will take place using Show My Homework. We expect your child to be logged into SMHW, viewing every lesson using the link provided, completing the work in their workbooks and submitting the work set at the end. The submission will normally be in the form of a photograph of their work uploaded through SMHW.

The tutor period at 8:55am will give your child's tutor the chance to continue with their guided reading and communicate with them that day's lessons and reflect on the previous day's work. Here is the daily schedule:

- 8:55am to 9:15am – Tutor Period
- 9:15am to 10:05am – Period 1
- 10:05am to 10:55am – Period 2
- 11:15am to 12:05pm – Period 3
- 12:05pm to 12:50pm – Period 4 (lunch for Year 7, 9 and 10)
- 12:50pm to 1:35pm – Period 5 (lunch for Year 8, 11, 12 and 13)
- 1:35pm to 2:25pm – Period 6
- 2:25pm to 3:15pm – Period 7

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Your child will need to be at their computer for 8:45am each morning so that they are ready when the first session starts at 8:55am; please can you support us in making sure that they are ready to learn at that time.

During this period, we will be continuing to set homework. We learned in the last period of school closure in spring 2020 that many parents and pupils appreciate the continuity of this. However, we also know that this potentially results in a long day in front of a computer screen, and that this period of home learning will be different to that of last year. For these reasons, the homework will be "optional". Completed homework will still be marked as Submitted and not completing the homework will still go down as Not Submitted on SMHW, but it will be optional in the sense that teachers will not be expecting it to be completed and non-submissions will not feature on report cards, nor be used in assessments of your child. Homework at the school focuses on retrieval of prior knowledge and practising what has been taught in class, and so not completing it will not result in pupils falling behind in that sense. However, completing it will help them develop their knowledge in the long-term. You might want to see how the first week of home learning progresses before making your decision.

In most cases, any questions you have about home learning should be directed to your child's Director of Learning:

Year 7 – Mr Russell, [russellt@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:russellt@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 8 – Mr Tong, [tongg@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:tongg@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 9 – Mr Colver, [colverj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:colverj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 10 – Mr Cluitt, [cluittc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:cluittc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 11 – Mr Couch, [couchm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:couchm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 12 – Ms Patel, [patels@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:patels@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 13 – Ms Nedjdet, [nedjdetm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:nedjdetm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

However, please feel free to contact me on [samuelw@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:samuelw@cfbs.islington.sch.uk) if you have any questions regarding this and thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

With best wishes,

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