



# Brighouse High School

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## Remote Learning

First of all, thank you for all the help and encouragement with learning that you as parents and carers are giving to your children during this period of remote education. This is clearly a situation that none of us wants to be in, but we really do appreciate the support that you give us as a school. Now that the national lockdown has unfortunately been put in place until February half-term at least, we feel that the time is right to look to incorporate further elements of 'live' interaction into our remote provision, so that we can continue to build on the good work with Google Classroom and further improve contact and engagement with our students.

We have successfully piloted the use of Google Meet with some of our 6th Form classes. This enables sections of lessons to be delivered live, with students able to see and hear their teacher and ask questions where appropriate. Google Meet can be accessed via a code that the teacher shares with the class in Google Classroom. We do, of course, need to have clear protocols in place that students must adhere to for their own safety and that of others when accessing a live lesson on Google Meet. Please click on the link below to these protocols; we will be sharing them direct with students too. Could we ask you to please take a few minutes to ensure that your child understands the importance of following these guidelines?

[Protocols for accessing live online lessons](#)

Nevertheless, we do recognise that for many of our students it is very difficult and often impossible to access live lessons at a specific time, especially where they have to share computers with siblings and other members of the family. We shall therefore be looking to make effective use of pre-recordings of sections of the lesson, so that students can then watch this at a time suitable for them. Of course this also gives students the opportunity to re-watch an explanation of something that their teacher has posted. Those students who are able to watch the pre-recording at the start of their normal lesson time can then be invited to communicate 'live' via the message facility in Google Classroom; students who are not able to access the lesson in live time will not be disadvantaged, as they will still be able to view the recording and access all of the work.

We need to make clear that there will not be 'live' teaching in every lesson, nor do we anticipate that any live or pre-recorded segment should last the whole lesson. It will last for the length of time that the teacher feels is useful and adds educational value to the lesson. In addition to any live or pre-recorded segments, teachers will continue to upload work and resources to Google Classroom and students will still be expected to submit work via that platform so that their teachers can then mark it and provide feedback.

Where students are being sent paper-based resources, which will continue for the time being, we will be contacting the parents / carers of those students to see whether we can help in any way. For example, it is now possible to access Google Classroom via an Xbox or PS4 and we would be able to lend you a keyboard to plug into one of those devices where that would help. There is a link below to a written explanation on

the website about how to access Google Classroom from an Xbox or PS4 and a second link to a YouTube clip on how to do that.

[How to access Google Classroom on your Xbox or PS4](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9HaCNKgAak>

Students should access their lessons during 'normal' timetabled lesson times, if at all possible, so that they can take advantage of any live elements on Google Meet or Google Classroom, but we are aware that this will not be possible for some students. The main thing is to keep up to date with all work on Google Classroom and to submit work on time so that appropriate feedback can be given.

For the purpose of remote learning, lesson times are as follows:

**Period 1: 9am to 10am**

**Period 2: 10am to 11am**

**Period 3: 11.20am to 12.20pm**

**Period 4: 1pm to 2pm**

**Period 5: 2pm to 3pm**

We are sure that you will agree that this element of live or pre-recorded delivery will help to keep students motivated and engaged and further their learning across the curriculum.

We would also like to take this opportunity to signpost you to five external sites that students might find useful and want to use during this period of remote learning.

<https://www.invictaacademy.com/keep-britain-learning>

Invicta Academy is a social enterprise that offers two hours of live and interactive teaching that students can book on to for free.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Oak National Academy has lessons for most subjects in all key stages.

[www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com)

Students in Key Stage 4 have their own login and there are resources for nearly every subject.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/secondary-live-lessons/zk9cwtv>

The BBC is producing a range of live lessons for secondary schools.

<https://senecalearning.com>

Resources for most subjects at KS3 and KS4.

As we move forwards together over the next few weeks we will be asking for feedback on which aspects of remote learning work well and which you think need to be further developed. Thank you for your support during this period of remote education.