

Guidelines and Expectations for Safe and Effective Online Learning at S6C

We are so pleased to be able to run live lessons to timetable, and to offer pastoral support, study support, and some clubs- an experience which has been very rare in state education this year. Here are a few guidelines and expectations to keep everyone safe and to maximise the success of online sessions.

- All lessons will run at the same time as their normal timetable, and therefore self directed study will also be set for tasks to be completed in between
- Staff will run subject lessons using Google Meet and all students will access resources through their Google classrooms
- All students are expected to be punctual, not to miss the introductory explanation of the work
- All lessons will have a register taken to ensure we know that they are engaging. If not then the college will message home later that day to make parents aware
- Students will be expected to initially have their microphone on mute but may have their camera turned on.
- Staff will expect to have a dialogue with the students at appropriate points in the lesson, so students will be expected to respond and share their answers and ideas. They will have to unmute to respond.
- Teachers may ask students to put their cameras on during the discussion section of the lesson. This will allow the teacher to read the students reaction to the question as we do in a classroom setting, allowing us to determine if the student is more confident with the content and the ideas being discussed. Students are able to change their background before logging into Google Meet or whilst in Meet so that their privacy of their home is maintained.
- Students should not be on simultaneous calls with others outside S6C during a college class or club
- If students need to collaborate during a lesson then they should use a breakout room on Google Meet, or use Chat to message or video call. Please do not set up study groups using other social media platforms as the college system offers important safeguards, and is accessible to all.
- 1:1 sessions with staff should take place using college platforms. Your mobile phone numbers are listed on schoolpod and may be used if we are worried about you but all staff personal numbers will be withheld.
- Students should be up and dressed for study - this is important for safeguarding reasons but also for positive mental health and wellbeing.

We can offer the loan of a laptop for students on our discretionary bursary and we can also offer a range of options to any student experiencing home IT issues, such as wifi connectivity problems. Students should contact their tutor for a bursary form - to let them know about IT issues at home - or to request study support with online learning.