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Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Live Learning for Exam Year Groups - Information and Guidance for Parents and Pupils

Please can we take this opportunity to thank those of you who have taken the time to send us positive messages regarding the remote learning materials. We are grateful for your feedback and will continue to improve our remote learning provision over time. If you have any feedback which is not related to live learning, please submit through [this form](#).

We are aware that learning is more difficult without the interactions and relationships which exist in a classroom with face-to-face teaching. To improve students' learning experience, we have decided to introduce a number of 'live learning' sessions, using Google Meet, to complement the remote learning provision currently offered by the school. These sessions will sit alongside the recorded lessons and materials posted by teachers in Google Classroom. We plan to introduce these additional sessions to Years 11, 12 and 13 initially, from the week beginning Monday 11th January 2021. The timetable of live sessions planned for next week will be sent separately.

Students participating in live learning sessions at home will be subject to the usual behaviour and safeguarding policies that we have in school. **If your child is in Y11, Y12 or Y13**, please read the 'Student Protocols for Live Learning' document at the end of this letter. It is important that you share with your son or daughter our expectations for student conduct in live learning sessions. However, if you do not wish your son or daughter to engage in live lessons, please let us know. The person to contact is [russell.mcleish@swale.at](mailto:russell.mcleish@swale.at) for Year 11 and [luci.brown@swale.at](mailto:luci.brown@swale.at) for Years 12 and 13.

As with all innovations, it will take some time for live learning to become established and perfected. We ask you to bear with our teachers as they improve their skills and gain experience. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher



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## STUDENT PROTOCOLS FOR LIVE LEARNING

Students should only use technology at home with the permission of their parents or carers. They should use this technology sensibly, drawing upon advice given to them at school and at home. Students and parents can refer to the safeguarding section of the school website to support their understanding of keeping young people safe online. If they are concerned about anything they should refer the matter to a responsible adult.

By accessing a live lesson students are agreeing to the following:

- Live learning at home needs to be conducted in an appropriate room, ideally on a chair and at a table.
- Students need to be in a quiet area, away from the distractions or disturbances.
- Students should be dressed appropriately.
- Students should choose a blurred or alternative background from Google Meet.
- Students need to promptly mute/unmute and switch their camera on/off at the request of the teacher.
- Students should not record or take photographs of any part of the live learning session or share lessons publicly.
- Students need to interact respectfully with their teacher and peers and behave in a sensible manner.
- Live learning sessions will be recorded.

Students should understand that the teacher leads the live learning and will remove students who do not follow this guidance or behave inappropriately.



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