



WALTON HIGH

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Dear Parents

COVID-19

Walton High's Education Continuity Plan

As advised in our earlier communications with parents, Walton High is promoting the advice issued by Public Health England to contain the spread of COVID-19 and would seek and follow expert advice should the virus infect a member of the school community. In these circumstances, we would keep parents fully informed of the advice we receive and the action taken.

Whilst currently it is still most unlikely that schools in England will be required to close because of the number COVID-19 virus, I wanted to reassure parents that Walton High has a robust contingency plan in place to enable students to continue their studies. This would involve most students working remotely via the internet but provision will also be made for students who do not have access to broadband or a PC/tablet at home.

Distance Learning

In most cases, students will be set work via Firefly; the company has confirmed that their systems are robust enough to cope with the possible level of demand. To complete the activities, students may need to use Microsoft Office Applications and, if they have not already downloaded these, they are available to access now free of charge. The products are licensed through a student's email address, which is revoked when they leave the school.

Office 365

Microsoft's instructions on how to install Office on a PC or Mac:

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/download-and-install-or-reinstall-office-365-or-office-2019-on-a-pc-or-mac-4414eaaf-0478-48be-9c42-23adc4716658>

Instructions for iOS devices:

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Install-and-set-up-Office-on-an-iPhone-or-iPad-9df6d10c-7281-4671-8666-6ca8e339b628>

Instructions for Android:

<https://support.office.com/en-us/article/Install-and-set-up-Office-on-an-Android-cafe9d6f-8b0c-4b03-b20a-12438a82a22d>

In addition to tasks set via Firefly, teachers will also make use of a range of other online learning resources to support students' learning, such as GCSE Pod; Kerboodle; My Maths; MathsWatch; PixL Apps; Dynamic Learning. Again, these resources are already available to support learning across the curriculum in Year 7 to Year 11.

Students will be able to use their school email accounts to contact teachers for additional support, in the event that their teacher is unavailable, another teacher would answer their query.

GCSE, BTEC and A Level exams

Even without the current concerns, some students become anxious about their exams. The body responsible for the conduct of external examinations, Ofqual, has advised schools that they currently expect this year's exams to take place as usual but will notify schools if this situation changes.¹ Should this happen we will keep students and parents fully informed and will ensure that none of our students are disadvantaged. If you have a child in Year 11 or Year 13 and think they would benefit from additional support because of anxiety, please contact their Head of Year to discuss your concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51707144>