



25th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of students in Years 7-9

I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Further to my correspondence on 17th June, regarding weekly online pastoral sessions for all students in Years 7- 9 with their tutor, we are now in a position to increase the online sessions for your child/ren, to supplement the work being provided on Show My Homework.

Going forwards, from week beginning the 29th June, in addition to their weekly tutor session, we would like to offer the opportunity for all students in Years 7-9 to access online sessions in the Core and EBacc subjects (*English Maths, Science, History, Geography and Modern Foreign Languages*).

Initially, students will receive one hour per week from each subject via Microsoft TEAMS. I have re-attached the 'Student Guide to accessing TEAMS', which your child will need to follow in order to be prepared for taking part in online sessions from 29th June. **Please could you go through this with your child to ensure they understand what is expected of them. Once your child is invited to a session it will show in their calendar on TEAMS, which will be populated with their online sessions.**

Sessions, where possible, will follow your child's normal College timetable. Work will continue to be set on Show my Homework between online sessions, which students will need to complete and submit when requested by their teachers for marking and feedback. All subjects will continue to set work to be marked in line with the College's homework policy, so that students receive marking and feedback regularly from teachers.

In addition to English, Maths and Science, Year 9 students will only need to attend the EBacc subject(s) that they will be continuing to study next year.

Your child will need to use their school email address and password to access their TEAMS account. If your child has forgotten their password and requires a password rest, please contact the College on office@sirharrysmith.cambs.sch.uk as soon as possible for this to be actioned.

This is a new way of working for us all and we have been working as quickly as possible to adapt to the current situation. My colleagues and I fully appreciate your patience and perseverance as we work hard with our ICT service to establish successful remote lessons for all involved.

Yours sincerely

Miss Dawn White
Principal