



**ST ALOYSIUS'
COLLEGE**

**A GUIDE TO AT HOME
TEACHING AND LEARNING**

From Monday 20th April

SENIOR SCHOOL: S1-S3



Learning for pupils in S1, S2 and S3 from Monday 20th April

Pupils in S1 to S3 will continue in their current classes and will receive lessons via Schoology. We are aiming to complete the teaching of all courses by Monday 4th May.

We will not run a traditional exam diet. However, pupils will be asked to show a product of their learning, to be submitted between Mon 4 May and Wed 13 May. This product of learning will vary from subject to subject but is designed to keep pupils focussed on their learning from now until then. It could be an on-line assessment, an essay, a brief project, or something else that would be meaningful and would demonstrate that pupils have continued to engage with their learning. Further details will be released to pupils through Schoology.

How will teachers keep track of pupil learning?

From Monday 20th April, all pupils will be asked to submit a weekly piece of work for teacher review. This will allow teachers to check that pupils are keeping up to date with learning on-line and are understanding their work. Where there are concerns about pupils not submitting work, parents will be contacted.

Pupils are invited to contact their teachers via Schoology if they are unsure of their work or require further support.

What about virtual teaching or face-time?

We are currently investigating on-line platforms such as MS Teams which may be useful for teacher-class contact or for running subject 'clinics' at specific times. We need to make sure we have all safeguards in place and are closely monitoring the advice being issued to schools. Current advice from Education Scotland and School Leaders Scotland suggests that teachers should not be using these platforms to communicate with pupils/classes. We will update parents when we have more information about these developments. We anticipate being able to write to you just before return to learning after the Easter break.

We have also decided not to offer live timetabled lessons as we are conscious that not all families can guarantee access to IT devices for all their children at scheduled times. In addition, the flexibility afforded by non-timetabled lessons allows pupils to work on their lessons at a time of their choosing.

Monday 18th May onwards

We are planning for all pupils to start the new timetable on Monday 18th May. S1 will start their S2 courses based on the choices they have made; S2 will start their eight National 5 courses; and S3 will continue with their National 5 studies. We will write to pupils and parents about this in due course.

Please stay in touch

If you have concerns about your child's learning, their ability to complete Schoology tasks, or your child is unwell and unable to keep-up with Schoology learning, please contact your child's Head of Year.

We are conscious that this is a time of uncertainty and that many families may be affected by disruption to their lives. Where issues emerge, please contact your child's Head of Year as it is important that we can continue to support our pupils and families as best we can. We do have access to counselling services and Mrs Erskine should be contacted if you feel there is a concern or need here.



Useful Contacts

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I hope what is shared above is helpful and I have valued the positive comments shared about communications. However please do keep getting in touch as we are all missing the human interaction on which the best schools thrive. I will be writing again at the end of the week with some reflections for Easter and an invitation to engage in some questions for the Head Master.

As always, I hope you are all keeping well and safe and I am counting the days when I can be back at the door of 45 Hill Street welcoming you to school...

Kindest regards,

Matthew D. Bartlett HEAD MASTER