

Dear Parents,

We have a number of improvements to the way students will be supported with their online learning. Feedback from parents and students has been that some of the lessons and concepts are difficult without having a teacher explain the content - effectively 'teaching'!

Therefore we have trialled LIVE Skype lessons for students with our English team this week. This has been successful and we are rolling out this programme for after the Easter break more widely across the different subjects at DMA. Staff have also been working hard to include video and audio recordings in the lessons that have been put on the website - this will support students with the work they need to do. Finally there are the different subject email addresses where students can email to request direct support.

Skype lessons - further details are attached in the guide

1. Students will need to download skype for business on the device they are using
2. They sign in using their school ooblemail account
3. They will be sent a calendar invite to join a skype meeting for a lesson - each Monday morning the timetable will also be issued with the access to work email.
4. At the time of the lesson they click on this link and follow the clicks through to the Skype lesson
5. They need to mute their microphone on joining the meeting and only unmute the microphone if the teacher asks them to
6. The teacher will lead the session - explain key tasks, support students, and answer questions

Depending on the number of students in a session the staff member may or may not be able to greet all the children individually and the aim of the session is to promote student learning and progress.

Recorded

We would encourage and ask that all students engage with the live lessons and we believe this is crucial support that we can offer them. However, each session **will be recorded** and after the session the recording – where possible – will be put in the relevant subjects work folder on the website. This enables the sessions to be flexible for students working at home with different circumstances.

Safeguarding

Students must participate in these lessons in a Living Area of the home - e.g. kitchen or living room. If they have their cameras activated then these will be visible to all other participants in the lesson and when they are asked to speak and their microphone is un-muted then they will be heard by all other

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participants in the call. They must be appropriately dressed as if it was a non-uniform day, and must maintain DMA ETHOS with the way they conduct themselves. If a student behaves inappropriately they will be removed from the lesson and a follow up phone call home will be made. For KS3/4 live lessons there will be 2 members of staff on each lesson.

Yours sincerely



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