

5 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Update and remote learning

As you are aware, the government announced that, on the advice of its medical and scientific experts, all schools will now begin the term under remote learning. This is in order to help minimise the transmission of the virus even though the risk to young people remains very small.

Therefore, as a result of this, we will be providing all students with a full online curriculum and lessons.

From Wednesday 6 January, lessons will be taught live through Microsoft Teams. Students should log onto their class area at the appropriate time for each lesson (see below). All live lessons will last one hour, after which students will be prompted to complete an online quiz on each lesson's content. In maths - for Years 8 to 9 - the quiz will be replaced by a Hegarty maths task. Students' engagement with the online lessons will be measured through these quizzes so it is important that all quizzes are completed each day by 4 pm.

We have adjusted lesson times this term to accommodate moving tutor time earlier in the day when students do return to school; please see below for the times when students should be accessing each lesson. Full guidance on online learning can be found on the academy website and can be accessed from the following link [Remote Learning Guidance](#).

At 8.45am each morning, students should log in to a pre-recorded guided reading session which is available on the Assembly and Reading Team for each year group. A year group assembly will also be available each week. Pastoral Leaders will post on Teams when this is available and students can access this at any point during the week.

Parents of students who have no access to an appropriate device or have no internet access at home should submit an [IT request form](#) which can also be found on the scrolling bar on the home page of our academy website. If you are unable to access the form, please email enquiries@northoxfordshire-academy.org.

Years 7, 8 and 9		
Lesson	Start	Finish
READING	8.45	9.00
P1	09:00	10:00
Break	10:00	10:35
P2	10:35	11:35
Break	11:35	11:50
P3	11:50	12:50
Lunch	12:50	13:35
P4	13:35	14:35

Years 10 and 11		
Lesson	Start	Finish
READING	8.45	9.00
P1	09:00	10:00
P2	10:00	11:00
Break	11:00	11:50
P3	11:50	12:50
Break	12:50	13:05
P4	13:05	14:05

Years 12 and 13		
Lesson	Start	Finish
P1	09:00	10:00
Break	10:00	10:35
P2	10:35	11:35
Break	11:35	11:50
P3	11:50	12:50
Lunch	12:50	13:35
P4	13:35	14:35

Principal: Alison Merrills

North Oxfordshire Academy is part of United Learning. United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538) and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12.
Registered address: United Learning, Worldwide House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SB.

North Oxfordshire Academy
Drayton Road
Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX16 0UD

t: 01295 224300

e: enquiries@northoxfordshire-academy.org
w: northoxfordshire-academy.org



North Oxfordshire Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

Please note that from Monday 11 January, the children of key workers and those who are deemed vulnerable who have a confirmed place will be able to continue to come to school. The school day will start and end at the times printed above.

These are obviously challenging times for the country as a whole with cases of Covid-19 rising both locally and nationally. Our priority at all times, however, is to do everything we can to ensure each student receives as full and normal a curriculum as possible at home so we can continue to minimise the disruption that the pandemic causes to their education.

It is vital that all students continue their learning and do access their online provision every day. I appreciate the additional responsibility this places on parents and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this.

I appreciate that many of you will have questions concerning issues such as external exams, the plans for mass testing for Covid and the length of time these circumstances will last for. As we receive more information and clarification on these and other issues, I will keep you updated during the coming days and weeks. However, at this time we understand that your child is likely to be learning remotely until February half term.

Thank you in advance for your support for your child during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Alison Merrills
Principal

Principal: Alison Merrills

North Oxfordshire Academy is part of United Learning. United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538) and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12.
Registered address: United Learning, Worldwide House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SB.

North Oxfordshire Academy
Drayton Road
Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX16 0UD
t: 01295 224300

e: enquiries@northoxfordshire-academy.org.uk
w: northoxfordshire-academy.org