

4 August 2020

Updated Term 3 DL 3.0 Arrangements

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Further to the Headmaster's email on Monday 3 August, I write to update you on our planning and preparation for the next 6 weeks.

My thanks for your support through the multitude of changing circumstances this year. The BGS <u>Distance</u> <u>Learning</u> page will continue to be a useful resource where you can find <u>tips for parents</u> and <u>tips for boys</u>.

All students in Years 10-12

- All students begin Distance Learning 3.0 from Wednesday 5 August.
- Students will follow their regular on-site timetable and start every class in Zoom.
- As previously (DL 2.0), each boy will receive a mixture of synchronous (direct online instruction) and asynchronous (working offline) learning.
- Students will join live or recorded Assembly and Chapel services through Zoom links. The first Assembly will take place during pastoral time on Wednesday 5 August.
- In line with our Effective Learner Model and being 'ready to learn', we expect the boys to have appropriate haircuts and to wear their sports uniform during the school day.
- Students have clear behavioural expectations for online platforms based on the School's values, existing policies and the BGS Code of Conduct. Parents will be contacted if these are breached.
- Boys can contact our IT team if they require IT support.
- Teachers will be available to respond to any questions or concerns during school hours (8.00am 4.00pm Monday to Friday).
- We will continue to offer a wide range of co-curricular options for the boys. These will be available through a Hub page called 'The Oak'.

Counselling support will continue to be available for students. Students or parents can contact Secondary School Psychologist Naomi Tham (Years 9–12) who is available Monday to Friday.

We will continue to act in the best interests of our boys and staff and I thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to make contact via email with your son's Head of House/Year or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Rachel Horton

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