

Pinehurst School Online: Years 7, 8 and 9!

How Pinehurst School Online works for students in Years 7, 8 and 9

We are offering a full online programme for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 during the time that Pinehurst School Online is open. There will be lots to do! But – this is important – we trust our parents to work out what is best for their children at this time. It is okay if you decide that your child needs a break, and we have structured it to enable you to manage school and family life in a way that doesn't make you tear your hair out.

Teachers will communicate with parents as normal via email to keep parents up to date with what their children are doing in class. We are aiming to keep the online learning environment as simple as possible for students and parents to navigate.

To access your child's timetable to assist you in understanding the structure of their school day please log onto Schoolbox with them and click on their timetable.

How classes will run:

- Our online systems are Schoolbox and Microsoft Teams. Students should be very familiar with SchoolBox and have done some work on teams recently.
- Students are to work through lessons following their normal daily timetable
- Lessons will be live at the start of each timetabled period, the teacher will welcome classes as they normally would and outline the aims of the lesson
- This class will remain active for the duration of the lesson where the teacher will answer students' questions and engage the class as they normally would
(Younger students may take time to learn the etiquette for online learning. Teachers have been working on this and will continue to do so, your support will be appreciated)
- There will be assessment activities in these lessons and planning. It is important that students understand that these assessments provide valuable feedback. *(They will not be used in calculating grades for reports or awards at the end of year)*
- Students need to complete English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Languages as timetabled. This work is compulsory and will be monitored by staff

We will monitor student engagement and contact you if we feel that your child is not involving themselves in lessons. If you have any concerns around your child's work, please contact the teacher directly. If you have any pastoral or wellbeing concerns, please contact the relevant Dean or Guidance Counsellor.

Illness during this time:

If a student is unwell and unable to complete their work on a given day, please send a quick email to their Dean who will inform the relevant teachers. All lessons on Microsoft Teams are recorded and students will be able to access these if they cannot join the lesson live.

If a teacher is unwell and unable to complete a lesson at the allocated time they will provide work for the students and contact the students to inform them that they will not be live to answer questions, they will answer the questions when they are well.

Optional subjects:

To assist students in this age group to cope with the volume of work and the changes to routine we are making the following subjects optional:

Physical Education and Health, Global Citizenship, Commerce, Design Technology, Digital Technology, Art, Drama, Music.

Work will be available for these subjects and teachers will be online during their normal lesson time to support students and answer questions. This work may be predominantly assignment based.

Please support your child in this challenging time with their learning. Establish routines as a family including allocating a suitable study area and monitoring your child's work. You will probably want to take away their phones as would normally be the case at school. Your child will need your support as well as the teachers to continue their learning.

Due to current events we have decided to change the Term dates as follows – Term 1 will finish on Friday 3 April, there will then be a 2-week break and school will recommence the online learning classes from Monday 20 April. It is important that students take this time as a holiday to recharge ready for the start of a new term.

Please do communicate with us and ask questions as they arise. Your child's teacher will be the predominant source of information but there are also the normal support structures that we have at school including the Deans and the Guidance Counsellor. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr Verryt.