

How is the work being set for all students?

Work for all students, Y7-13, is being set via [Show My Homework](#). Some teachers will post work that directs the students to Google Classroom too. Work should be set following each students normal timetable.

There is also a weekly form time task to complete and in addition tutors are sending a weekly welfare check form for all students to complete so we can offer any additional support or guidance.

What can I expect from each subject?

Teachers have been asked to set around 30mins worth of work for each lesson. This should also have a maximum of two resources (PowerPoint, video, texts etc.) and come with a simple 5 point explanation for every student to follow.

If there is an extension task, this will be made explicitly clear and not every student needs to complete these extensions.

Why is Verulam not doing 'live' video lessons like I have heard some other schools are doing?

There are a few reasons for not doing 'live' lessons:

1. We need to provide learning that is accessible to all students, not every student can be online at once. Many families share computers and so not all children can access these 'live' lessons.
2. From talking to other schools and colleagues, most schools that have been teaching 'live' lessons are significantly reducing the number they are doing or stopping them all together.
3. Many of our staff are parents to and so have to look after their own children, this means that 'live' lessons are not feasible for many lessons.
4. We are working towards a consistent approach for delivering learning across all lessons, in all year groups and in all subjects to make it easier for all students to access learning.

Are there any other sources that I can use for my child to do some extra learning?

The Government has this week launched the Oak National academy resources which can be found [here](#). BBC Bitesize also has a new, wider range of resources which can be found [here](#). Anything done on these sites is as an optional extra and not mandated.

My child has not received any work for the past few lessons, what should I do?

In the first instance, please email [admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk) and your query will be forwarded to the relevant Head of Subject. We are asking that you do not contact a class teacher individually over this as they may be unwell, caring for others or bereaved which would explain the lack of work setting. If a teacher has emailed you directly then please continue to contact them. Please note our response time may be a little slower than normal as not all staff are available daily.

How can I best support my child with their learning?

Provide a calm, quiet location for them to learn, ideally with a desk or table for them to sit at. Ask them about what they have been learning, focus on their effort and not if they have been successful or not. Praise them if they have tried really hard not just for getting full marks or everything correct.

We don't have access to the internet and/or only have a mobile phone what should we do?

We are here to support you and will do everything we can to provide learning that you can access, please get in touch with school and we can discuss your individual circumstances.

My child is in Year 10, how will this impact on their GCSE courses?

It is important that Year 10 students complete all work set, there will not necessarily be time to catch up on missed learning when school re-opens. This is particularly important in subjects like RE where there is only 1 lesson per week.

All schools are also awaiting a Government response, as to what, if anything, will happen to all GCSE qualifications for 2021 in light of the missed learning. We will keep you up to date as soon as we know more.

Please rest assured we will continue to do everything we can to support your child on returning to school.

My child is in Year 11, what should they be doing?

Staff will be setting bridging work (tasks that will help bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level.) After we have completed a Sixth Form induction we will then share the summer work, required before starting Sixth Form study with all BSV schools. None of this work will impact on GCSE grades.

We will also be in touch as soon as we have finalised the Sixth Form induction process, including how this will run given the current Government guidance.

My child is in Year 9, how will this impact on them taking English Literature next year?

Until we know when the school will be able to re-open we are not in a position to make a decision about entry. We will obviously keep you updated as soon as we know more.

Will there still be end of year exams/assessments?

Until we know when the school will be able to re-open we are not in a position to make a decision about end of year assessments. As soon as we know more we will let you know.

When will there be changes to the 'Virtual School'?

We are reviewing our provision every two weeks, looking at many different factors and in response to the latest guidance from the Government and Department for Education.