

Dear parents and carers,

This week's letter home is dedicated to all things digital! But, before we get there I have some important updates below. Please read these updates as they come into force from Monday 21st September.

Updated Sherburn High School Guidance on Face Coverings

Given the increased number of confirmed Covid-19 cases both locally and nationally STAR MAT has decided that ***as of Monday 21 st September 2020, in secondary schools, face-coverings should be worn by visitors, staff and students in all communal areas, apart from those who are exempt.*** As with national guidance, we would discourage the use of face coverings within the classroom context, but students may keep them in place should they so wish.

This stance will be subject to frequent review alongside evolving national and local advice and appropriate communications issued.

Further details can be found on our website.

Important Information for Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students

Period 7 begins on Monday 21st September. ALL students are invited to attend as many sessions as they wish. Period 7 runs from 2.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

In "normal times" we would have invited all Year 11 parents/carers into school for a "Supporting Success" event. This year, we will place all the relevant information on our website, with recorded messages to outline:

- The road map to GCSEs, including the proposed schedule for Pre-Public Exams (mocks)
- Arrangements for "Year 11 Hoodies" and the prom
- Top tips for helping your child to revise

Our plan is to launch our "Supporting Success" website page the week beginning Monday 5th October, further details will follow.

And some good news! The outdoor seating and tables should be in place by the end of next week and the toilets in the science block are now fixed, so Year 11 students have their own dedicated toilets in their learning zone.

Important Information for Year 8 Parents, Carers and Students

Now that we have run through our staggered starts and our procedures are firmly established, we would like **all Year 8 students to arrive at 8.45 a.m.** from Monday 21st September.

We will continue to review our staggered starts and exits as the term progresses.

Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our Lost Property store. On Tuesday (weather permitting) these items will be arranged in the covered walkway. Each year group will have access to the items as they depart from school.

Any items not collected will be donated to charity.

And now... something non-Covid related!

The astute amongst you will have noticed that Show my Homework is no more and that we have moved to Google Classrooms; below is a handy guide.

Parent/Carer Guide to Using Google Classroom

At Sherburn High School, we are now using Google Classroom as our main homework platform, alongside a student's planner it will replace Show My Homework.

The intention of this document is to give you some information about Google Classroom: what it is, how students log in and how you can support your child's home learning.

What is Google Classroom?

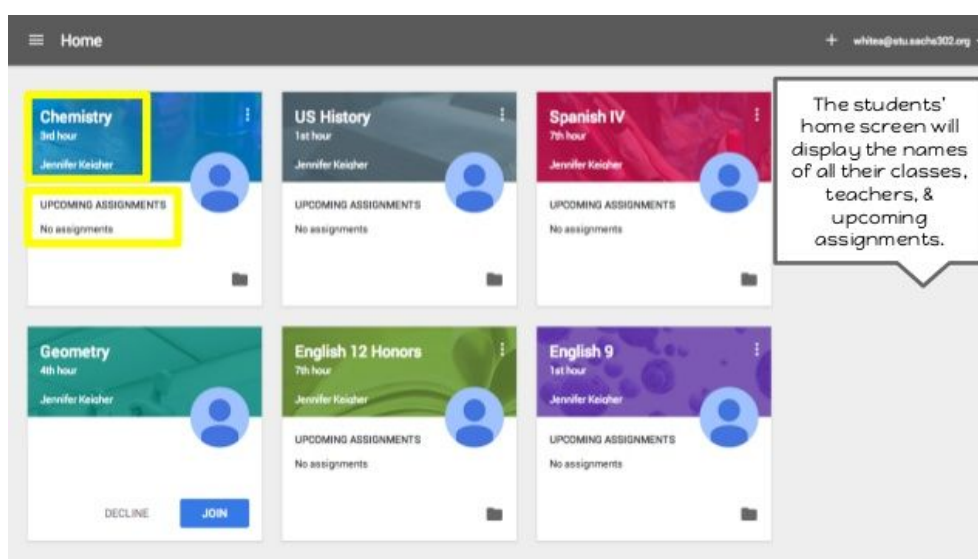
Google Classroom is a free Google App that aims to simplify creating, distributing and assessing learning in a paperless way. Teachers can use Google Classroom to send announcements to entire classes, share resources, lesson notes, PowerPoints, diagrams, and home learning.

It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, chromebooks, tablets or mobile phones.

Logging in to Google Classroom (for students)

Students can access Google Classroom using the mobile apps (Android and iOS), or via a web browser by visiting www.classroom.google.com. They should sign in using their usual school login followed by @shs.starmat.uk. For example, if their school log in is 13john.smith their school email address is 13john.smith@shs.starmat.uk. Students will need to use their school password when prompted (the same password they use to log in on a school machine)

Once pupils have logged in, they will see the class overview page. From here they can see all the classes they are registered with, a summary of any work due and add new classes (requires a class code from their teacher). Clicking on a class will open that Classroom.



Useful video links:

Google Classroom instructional videos for students (made by Sherburn High)
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16_fMqGPRbJTJnNSR7eTx_E-ECOzhnMPb?usp=sharing

In Summary:

- We are no longer using Show my Homework
- Homework will be set on Google Classrooms
- Students will also be encouraged to record their homework in their planners, and this is a simple way for parents/carers to see what has been set and when it is due
- Some homework will be submitted via Google Classrooms but not all homeworks will be submitted for feedback in this way

ChromeBooks

We are also launching an exciting Chromebook lease to own scheme. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to invest in a Chromebook for their child, with the security that if it gets broken, stolen or breaks down, a replacement will be provided almost immediately.

Please also take the time to read the attached information about our ChromeBook lease to own scheme.

And finally...

Congratulations to our first Super Six Lucky Dipwinners: Ella Williams, Prash Versawamy, Billy Little, Brandon Lovell, Alexandra Roe, Lucie Thomas, Joe Hoyland, Josh Smeaton, Evie Bolton and Lauchlan Mackinnon Stones! All ten students not only got the traditional bag of Haribo, but they also got an extra treat delivered to them in Period One, earlier in the week!

I wonder who will be this week's winners?!

Have a great weekend,

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