



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. We have had another very positive week at Mulberry UTC, with students doing a great job of engaging with lessons remotely. I have sent out some postcards this week to students who were nominated by their teachers as having made a particularly positive start to the term. Please look out for these in the post over the next few days.

Emergency school

Students who have an EHCP or a social worker, or who cannot access learning remotely, should continue to attend emergency school. Emergency school starts at 9am and finishes at 3.50pm Monday to Thursday and 2.10pm on Fridays. Any students who are attending emergency school have breaks as usual and are given a free lunch by the school. They are not required to wear school uniform during this time. If there are any students who are struggling to access lessons from home and would like to join the emergency school, please contact the school to make us aware of this – info@mulberryutc.org.

Remote learning

Students in all year groups are being taught online using Teams and are following their normal timetables. Please continue to notify the school if your son or daughter is having any trouble with their laptop or with internet access, so that we can support you with this.

Students in all year groups should check in online in between 8.30 and 9am. Lessons start at 9am each morning and students should be working all day until 3.50pm Monday to Thursday and 2.10pm on Fridays.

We are aware of some issues that have arisen in other schools, involving students' accounts being hacked or students being encouraged to behave inappropriately in online lessons. Please can you remind students that they must follow the Mulberry UTC Code of Conduct when working online. If you become aware of any safety issues relating to students working online, please inform that school immediately.

Free School Meals

Thank you to families for collecting the weekly food packages over the last three weeks. The government have now re-started the national voucher scheme and we are in the process of ordering vouchers for eligible families. Please make sure the school has an up to date email address for a parent or carer in the household. You will receive an e-code to that email address so that you can order your vouchers from Edenred.



Mock Exams

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 will be sitting mock exams when they return to school after February half term. These mock exams will be in w/c Monday 22nd February. Since we do not believe that the school building will be fully open at that point, it is likely that exams will be held online using Teams. Further details of arrangements for mock exams will be sent out before half term by Ms Christofides, Assistant Principal.

Awarding of grades in summer 2021

As you will be aware, students are not going to be sitting exams in the usual way in the summer because of the impact of the pandemic. The government have now published a consultation about the awarding of grades this summer. Once these consultations have been completed, we will know more about how students' grades will be awarded. As soon as we have firm information about this, I will share it with you so that you are fully aware of the implications for our students.

Re-opening of the school

I know that students and their families are keen to know more about when the school building is going to re-open. We have not yet been given a re-opening date by the government and therefore we do not yet know when we will be able to re-open.

I will keep you closely informed about this and will let you know as soon as we have any news. We have been told that the government will give two weeks' notice to schools before we re-open, which will give us time to communicate with you about arrangements before the re-opening date.

Thank you for all your continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

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TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:45am 09:00am	Tutor time: Reply to your tutor on MSTEams to register for the day. See activities & competitions	Tutor time	Tutor time	Tutor time	Tutor time
09:00am 09:50am	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
09:50am 10:40am	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2
10:40am 11:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00am 11:50am	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
11:50am 12:40pm	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
12:40pm 13:20pm	Lunch - Why not cook for a family member?	Lunch - Let yourself play a game	Lunch - Do some fitness to keep focused	Lunch - Relax and read your favourite book	Lunch - Play some music and dance - it's nearly the end of the week!
13:20pm 14:10pm	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5 - Early finish, HURRAY!
14:10pm 15:00pm	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	Period 6	
15:00pm 15:50pm	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	Period 7	