



# Atrium Studio

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support during the recent developments of the COVID-19 virus.

As a school, we have made the decision to cancel two of the planned trips for this week and some year 10 students have returned from their work experience placements.

Despite this, the school has been able to continue to provide quality education, utilising our technology in order to allow teachers to teach classes remotely. We have also seen the year 10 students hard at work, guided by Mrs Martens, to landscape the area behind Atrium.

This has been supported by donations from staff and students, also industry supporters Balfour Beatty and YGS Landscapes.

As I write this, I am aware that the Prime Minister is due to make an announcement regarding schools. We will be sending a further update, based on this announcement shortly.

In the meantime, you may find the following information useful:

### **Atrium has prepared students to study remotely**

Students have been surveyed to ascertain their ability to access Microsoft Teams at home. Teams is something that students use regularly and are familiar with. Any student that has access to the internet via a PC, tablet or smartphone will be able to access Teams (please see guide attached).

Some students may not be able to access the internet at home. In this instance, a pack of information has been prepared for them to support their learning.

### **Atrium can support students remotely**

Atrium has two amazing Teaching Assistants. They have been briefed and are prepared to assist students' learning. This includes remote learning support when schools close.

Teachers will also be available via email and on Teams to support students.

### **Atrium has prepared students to be autonomous learners**

Students at Atrium are familiar with working independently and with others. They have been doing this during the extended school day since they joined the school. We are confident that, with the right encouragement and support, these positive learning habits will continue in their homes.

### **Atrium will provide feedback on work**

Depending on the tasks and project work set, teachers will provide feedback. Some of this feedback will be instant, for example, sitting an online test. Other feedback may be in response to a project or extended task.

We encourage all students to save and look after the work they produce electronically or otherwise. The material that they produce will be beneficial to them upon their return to school, as it will follow the school's

planned curriculum delivery as closely as possible. Teachers will revisit work upon the school re-opening and in subsequent months.

**Atrium encourages reading**

Students have been participating in regular reading each day of the week. We encourage this and really hope it continues on a daily basis. This can be linked to a project or topic that they are studying, or a book that they are reading for pleasure.

**Atrium works with parents and carers**

We are mindful that many of you will also be working remotely and will appreciate the autonomous learning habits that the students have developed. We encourage you to facilitate this in a distraction-free environment. This is also an excellent opportunity to discuss the work that your child or children have done at the end of each day, celebrating their achievements but also identifying any areas of concern. Where this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We have attached a 'guide sheet' to provide you with guidance with how to access Teams, should you need to refer to it.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The staff at Atrium are a team that work tirelessly to support our young people. We will continue to do so to the best of our ability, both in school and remotely.

I hope you and your family stay safe and healthy in these difficult times.

Kind regards,  
Sam Morcumb