

Head's Up (... date)

Welcome to the first edition of Head's Up ...date!



Year 11 Information

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that *"it is not possible or fair for all exams to go ahead this summer as normal"*, on Tuesday 5th January the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, gave a statement on the 6th January in which he announced that students will be given "teacher-assessed grades" in place of exams in GCSE subjects. He added that no algorithms will be used this time around, as they were for last year's cancelled exams. The details still need to be "fine-tuned" and more information about what England's cancellations mean for students, including the details of how teachers will decide their grades and when students will receive their results, are expected to be announced by the end of January. A decision also needs to be made about vocational subjects as, at the moment, all of the exams in those subjects are scheduled to go ahead (though this might change).



As soon as we know more, we will let you know, but for now, it is **definitely business as usual!** We have all been very proud of the attitude you have shown since returning in September, Year 11. If you work hard and continue to learn new key ideas and concepts, whilst revising those you have already been taught, we will be able to evidence the grade that you could have achieved in the summer exams. In order to provide teacher assessments to the examination boards, we need the work to assess.



Access to devices

If you are having problems accessing your Remote Learning because you don't have access to a device on which to do it, then please **ask your parent/carer to contact Mr Snowden, Deputy Head**, and we'll be able to help you. (Email address: snowdenp@ianrasmey.org.uk)

Some of the mobile phone companies are also offering free data whilst we are in lockdown, but you have to meet certain criteria for this – you can find out more at <https://get-help-withtech.education.gov.uk>



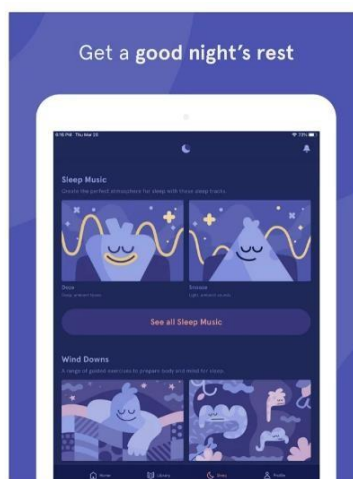
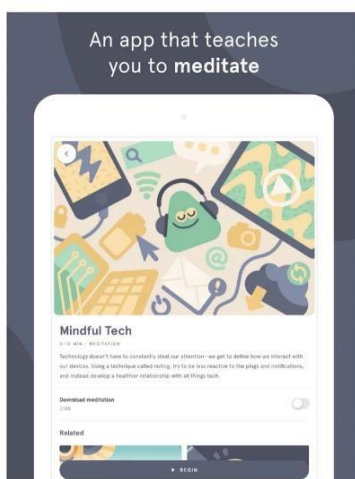


Google Classroom



Well done everyone - teachers, pupils, parents, and carers! At least 78% of all pupils have accessed 3 or more hours of live lessons each day, either in the academy or at home. This is a fantastic start to our new way of working. The feedback from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive. Many of you have taken the time to thank the staff for the support they are providing the children. This really means a great deal to them. One parent even contacted Ofsted to tell them how good they were!

Remember to follow the 'top tips' on remote learning. These can be found at the back of [blended learning and intervention policy](#).



App of the week



Friday Prayer – for HOPE

Lord, we need you today. We acknowledge that we cannot do all. We depend on you to help get us where we need to be. Help us not to be discouraged. Bless us with more faith and hope. **AMEN**

Look out for more in our next edition.