

Dear Parent/Carer

### Interactive (Virtual) Learning for Year 9 students

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued hard work throughout the lockdown to support your child whilst they have been learning from home. I know that this has not always been easy, but we have all adapted to it well.

At King's Oak we are desperate to be back in school teaching and working with our students. The lockdown has reminded us that the relationships, learning and support that happens in our classrooms between teachers and students are an essential part of our educational experience and it is important that we create learning opportunities where there can be as much interaction between the student and teacher as possible.

You might be aware that we have recently invited Year 10 students to participate in virtual and some face to face lessons in school. The interactive (virtual) lessons have proven to be a great success; for many students they have found that being able to communicate with their class teacher has allowed them to develop a better understanding of key concepts/topics so that they can subsequently complete the follow up home learning tasks with greater success.

We are now at a stage where we can extend our interactive learning offer to all Year 9 students from Monday 6 July. Our teachers intend to use these interactive lessons to help your child get a head start on GCSE/BTEC option subjects so that they feel more prepared and confident in their learning as we re-start the academic year in September 2020.

I appreciate that throughout the lockdown period we have all been required to learn how to use new pieces of technology and software at a rapid pace and the idea of introducing interactive learning into your child's working from home arrangements might cause some anxiety. With this in mind, I would like to invite you and your child to attend a live assembly on **Tuesday 30 June (11 am - 12 noon or 5 pm – 6 pm)**. During the assembly we will cover:

- What is interactive learning – what can you expect from the lessons.
- How interactive learning will support follow up with the home learning tasks (set through Insight)
- How to join an interactive lesson
  - Follow up 'How to' guides will be shared after the assembly
- What support you can expect from your class teachers to help you prepare for the GCSE/BTEC course

To access the assembly please click the following links:

[Tuesday 30 June 11 am -12 noon](#)

[Tuesday 30 June 5 pm -6 pm](#)

I know we are all waiting in anticipation for the moment when we can get back to learning at King's Oak Academy on a larger scale and many of you will be seeking clarity on what education will look, and feel like in September. We will, as ever, share our plans as soon as possible once we have the latest government guidance outlining what we can and cannot do next.

Take care of yourselves.



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