

FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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EMBRACING CHALLENGE

Right at the start of this year, we find ourselves facing a unique challenge with RAAC and having to move into unfamiliar buildings. But remember, challenges are not roadblocks; they are stepping stones to success. It's not about what you're up against; it's about how you choose to tackle it.

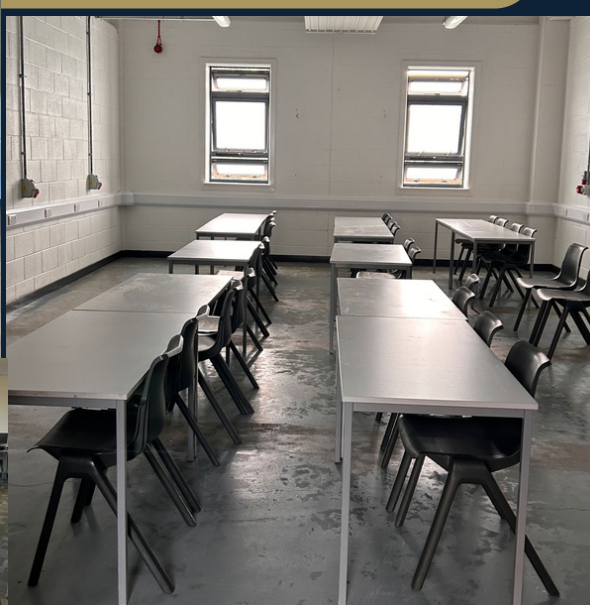
This week has been extremely challenging for everyone but that has not stopped us in our drive to get our temporary venues up and running. Staff have worked day and night tirelessly to efficiently move or relocate resources to new venues and transform spaces into suitable learning environments, which has been no mean feat! Why? So that our students have the best chance of success. Our students have remained at the forefront of our minds. We wanted to make sure that all of our students, at whichever site they are based at, receive the Ferryhill School experience; they learn, they enjoy their learning and they feel safe and valued.

Our students are the reason we are here and we wanted to get it right for them. We are extremely proud of the resilience, dedication and teamwork our incredible staff have demonstrated under unique circumstances and it's safe to say the transformations are incredible. We look forward to seeing everyone face to face very soon.

Before



After



REMOTE EDUCATION-A GUIDE

LEARNING HABITS



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POSITIVE
RESPONSE

WE DO AS WE ARE ASKED FIRST TIME,
EVERY TIME.



PUNCTUALITY

WE ATTEND EVERY DAY
AND ARE ON TIME FOR ALL LESSONS.



CORRECT
UNIFORM

WE WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM
AND TAKE PRIDE IN OUR APPEARANCE.



EQUIPMENT

WE HAVE ALL THE TOOLS SO THAT
WE ARE READY TO LEARN.



ON TASK
BEHAVIOUR

WE ARE ALWAYS ON TASK IN EVERY LESSON
AND BEHAVE WITH INTEGRITY OUTSIDE
OF THE CLASSROOM.



GETTING IT RIGHT

We will deliver remote education to
Years 8,9,10 and 11 for one week starting
Monday the 11th of September.

Why do we deliver 'Live' lessons?

It is crucial that our students have the best possible chance to success and maintain relationships with our teachers. We want our students to interact with us every day, therefore we will deliver interactive lessons where students will be encouraged to consolidate their knowledge through retrieval quizzes designed to help them make progress. Live lessons will allow our staff to teach their curriculum areas so that students do not fall behind.

How do I access my lessons?

All students in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been taught how to use Microsoft Teams and access their homework from here on a daily basis. We have also added a guide in this newsletter to help you get started.

What happens if I've forgotten over the summer?

To access lessons you should log onto Teams (guide on next page) and click 'calendar' when you would normally have your lesson in school. please see the timings of the school day below. You will see your lessons there. Click 'Join' and your teacher will allow you to enter the lesson when they are ready to begin. As always, we expect that our students are ready to learn and follow our 5 learning habits when they log on to live lessons. We expect 100% focus and on task behaviour. All responses should be positive, students should be on time and should have all the equipment to 'get it right'.

Morning and Afternoon meeting

Next week we will be running Morning and Afternoon Meetings with our students. These meetings give our Leadership team and Heads of Year the opportunity to check in with our Year groups and to ensure they are ready to learn. To access these meetings students will need to look on their calendar on Teams. They will then see either 'Morning Meeting' or 'Afternoon Meeting' scheduled and should log on at the appropriate time.

Routines

Students respond best when there are routines in place that support not only learning and accessing the curriculum but also supports wellbeing too. Students are used to getting up and getting ready for school, and if these routines can be maintained in the home it helps the child to maintain their purpose.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN LOGGING ONTO A LIVE LESSON

1

Always have your camera turned off

4

Try to get into a routine every day

2

Always have your microphone muted

5

Always be ready to learn

3

Be prepared to answer questions in the chat

6

Always try your absolute best!



REMOTE LEARNING-TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY



You will follow the new timings of the school day whilst learning from home next week. We feel it is important that you get used to them in preparation for our return to face teaching.

You will have an extended 30 minute break to ensure you have screen free time. This is an excellent opportunity to get some fresh air, stretch your legs and get a drink ready for your next lesson

08:30 – 08:45	MORNING MEETING
08:45 – 09:45	PERIOD 1
09:45 – 10:45	PERIOD 2
10:45 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:15	PERIOD 3
12:15 – 13:45	PERIOD 4
12:15 – 12:45	(LUNCH 1 – YEARS 8 & 9)
12:45 – 13:15	(LUNCH 2 – YEAR 7)
13:15 – 13:45	(LUNCH 3 – YEARS 10 & 11)
13:45 – 14:45	PERIOD 5
14:45 – 15:00	AFTERNOON MEETING

Make sure you log on to Morning and Afternoon Meeting every day. We will give important updates as well as ensuring you are successful.



We have also built 10 minute brain breaks into each of our lessons as we know it's difficult to focus for long periods of time when onscreen.

HOW DO I LOG ON TO TEAMS?



Microsoft Teams is an online tool we use to support remote learning. All students have access to this from their Office 365 login. At Ferryhill School we use Teams to deliver live lessons so our students don't fall behind.

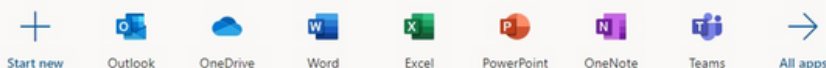
Accessing Microsoft Teams

We highly recommend accessing Microsoft Teams from a laptop/computer. Functionality from tablet/mobile devices is limited. Visit www.office.com from your preferred Internet Browser (not compatible with Internet Explorer).

You will then login with your email address, which is your school username + @ferryhill.school For example Joe Bloggs in Year 8 school username would be 22Bloggsj and their email address would be 22Bloggsj@ferryhill.school. Your password would be the password you use to log on to the computers in school. If you have forgotten your password, please email our IT Support team at itsupport@ferryhill.school

Once you are logged in to Office 365, you will see the icons below (may appear down the left side of the screen). Click on Teams:

Good morning



As well as using a laptop/computer, we also recommend accessing Teams using the Windows App so click the button shown below and follow the instructions to install the Teams App. This will also save time logging in for future lessons. If this screen doesn't appear you can download the app from the link below:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/download-app>

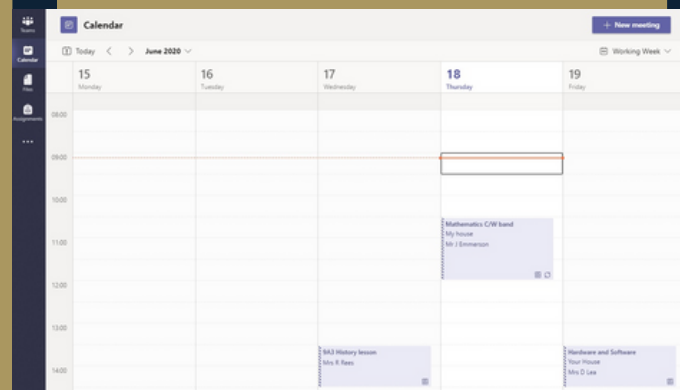
Download the Teams desktop app and stay better connected.

Get the Windows app

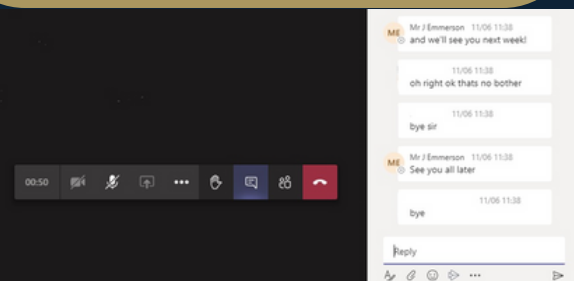
Use the web app instead

What about once I'm logged on?

Once you are logged in, you will see all the Teams/Classes you have been added to. From here, you will follow your full timetable. You will be able to find the live lessons from the Calendar.



It is advisable to join a live lesson on time to minimise disruption. Your webcam and microphone will automatically be disabled by the teacher. You will communicate with the teacher using the chat function as shown below:



Advice

If you currently don't have access to a laptop/computer and can only use a tablet/mobile device, you will have to download the Microsoft Teams app from your devices App Store.

WELCOME YEAR 7



We have worked extremely hard this week to ensure our school is fully prepared for our students. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 on Monday 11th of September. Students will follow a blended full curriculum delivered by specialist teachers and will be based at Ferryhill School. We have a number of spaces available to use and have devised a creative curriculum so that students will receive quality first teaching when they join us next week. Mrs Young and the Leadership team will greet our new students at the main reception on Monday at 8:20am. We look forward to seeing all students in our new school uniform ready to start their journey to excellence with us. On days when students have PE next week, we ask that they come to school in their kit for the whole day. All students will be provided with the equipment they need for success so please don't worry. We do ask that all students bring a bag with them as it is part of our school uniform. We have attached our Year 7 curriculum for Week 1 below for your information. All students will follow a different timetable from the 18th of September onwards when the whole school returns to face to face teaching.



DAY	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4	PERIOD 5
MONDAY	STUDENT INDUCTION DAY				
TUESDAY	GEOG MRS HARRIS	PE MRS WILSON AND MR ELLIOT	MATHS MR WOODS	RE MISS GOURLAY	TECHNOLOGY MRS CASEMORE
		MFL MRS JOHNSON			
WEDNESDAY	HISTORY MR HANDLEY	ENGLISH MRS FORESTER	SCIENCE MR JOHNSON	MATHS	TECHNOLOGY MRS EGGLESTONE
THURSDAY	ART NEAL CARNEY	PE MRS WILSON AND MR ELLIOT	SCIENCE MRS COATSWORTH	HISTORY MRS REES	ART MR SUTHERLAND
FRIDAY	PD MISS HANSON	MATHS MISS YOUNG	IT MISS LEA	ENGLISH MR MILLS	READING MISS GIBBS

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE

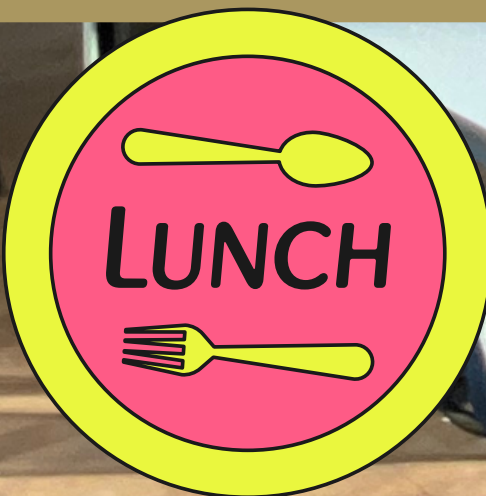
1. What time can my Year 7 child arrive on site?
8:20am
2. Will there be any after school clubs?
Unfortunately we cannot offer them next week but plan to moving forward.
3. Is there a breakfast club? Yes, from Tuesday.
4. Will I get free school meals here if I got them at primary school? Yes you will.
5. When will my child get their Class Charts log in? At some point during the first week.
6. How do I put money on ParentPay to buy extra? Please check your emails for information.
7. Are we allowed mobile phones? Students are not allowed to use mobile phones in school.
8. My child has a medical condition. What should I do? Please bring any medication into school and speak to Mrs Young.
9. What does a typical school day look like? We have attached the timings for your information.

Emotional wellbeing
In order to support the transition to secondary school during the course of September we have arranged a number of workshops delivered by the Durham County Emotional Wellbeing team. More information will follow.

08:30 - 08:45	Morning Meeting
08:45 - 09:45	Period 1
09:45 - 10:45	Period 2
10:45 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:15	
11:15 - 12:15	Period 3
12:15 - 12:45	Period 4
12:45 - 13:15	Lunch Year 7
13:15 - 13:45	Period 4
13:45 - 14:45	Period 5
14:45 - 15:00	Afternoon Meeting

7B3

If you are in 7B3 you will spend most of your lessons with Miss Corner as planned, in her new learning space. If you look closely you can see it in the background!



We look forward to serving you a delicious hot lunch in our dining hall. There's lots to choose from! We also have the added bonus of a breaktime service where you can purchase breakfast goodies if you wish to do so.

A message from your Head of Year Mrs Young:

Hello Year 7! I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again and supporting you through Year 7. Please remember to have the correct the correct uniform and your bag but most of all, have a smile on your face. Please try not to feel nervous as we're here to support you. See you all on Monday!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS

As we embark on this new academic year, let us first acknowledge the undeniable truth: life is a journey filled with challenges! One of the most valuable lessons you will learn during your education is not just the content of your textbooks, but the art of overcoming obstacles, and the resilience to keep moving forward.

It's not about what you're up against; it's about how you choose to tackle it.

Here's how challenges can shape your journey to excellence:

1. Personal Growth and Resilience:

Every challenge you face is an opportunity for personal growth. The process of overcoming difficulties builds your resilience. It makes you stronger, more adaptable, and better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead in your academic journey and beyond. Remember, it's not about avoiding adversity but embracing it as a chance to evolve.

2. Learning and Development:

Challenges are our greatest teachers. They force us to think creatively, problem-solve, and develop new skills. When you overcome a challenging situation, you're not just learning from your textbooks but from the real world. Each obstacle is a chance to become a more knowledgeable, capable, and well-rounded individual.

3. Building Confidence:

Every challenge you conquer boosts your confidence. It shows you that you have the strength and determination to overcome anything that comes your way. As you face the challenge of a new school setting, remember that by tackling it head-on, you're not just resolving an issue but also building the confidence to handle future challenges.

4. Achieving Your Dreams:

Success is sweeter when it's hard-earned. Challenges are the stepping stones that lead you closer to your dreams. When you overcome obstacles, you're one step closer to achieving your goals. Think of every challenge as a test of your commitment to your aspirations and an opportunity to prove your dedication. As you navigate this year, remember that challenges are not meant to break you but to shape you into extraordinary individuals. Embrace them with determination, courage, and an unwavering belief in your abilities. Remember, you're not alone on this journey. Your teachers, parents, friends, and the entire school community are here to support.

Stay inspired, stay resilient, and give it everything you've got!



Heads of Year

Year 7: Mrs Young
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Year 9: Mrs Craddock
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Year 10: Mrs Hobson
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Year 11: Mr Simpson:
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Learning support

If you have any questions about your learning, please email us on:

learningsupport@ferryhill.school

IT Support

If you have any questions about remote learning and accessing Teams email:

itsupport@ferryhill.school

Teaching Support

If you require support from you class teachers they will remind you of their email addresses next week during online lessons

General

If you have any general questions you can contact our general office on
general@ferryhill.school