



SUPPORTING ONLINE LEARNING AT HOME

FAQs

ONLINE LEARNING

Where will I find my child's online learning?

The Hwb platform hosts all of our online learning www.hwb.gov.uk

Students should log into their Hwb account and navigate to their Google Classroom. Students should following their timetable each day.

How can I help my child organise their school day?

Teachers will follow student timetables, posting the resources at the start lesson. This is to ensure students do not become overwhelmed with the work required for the week. Students must only complete work during the lesson and hand this in at the end. This is to support their wellbeing and to ensure they do not have too much screen time. The Google Classroom calendar, review and to-do list show an overview of subject deadlines.



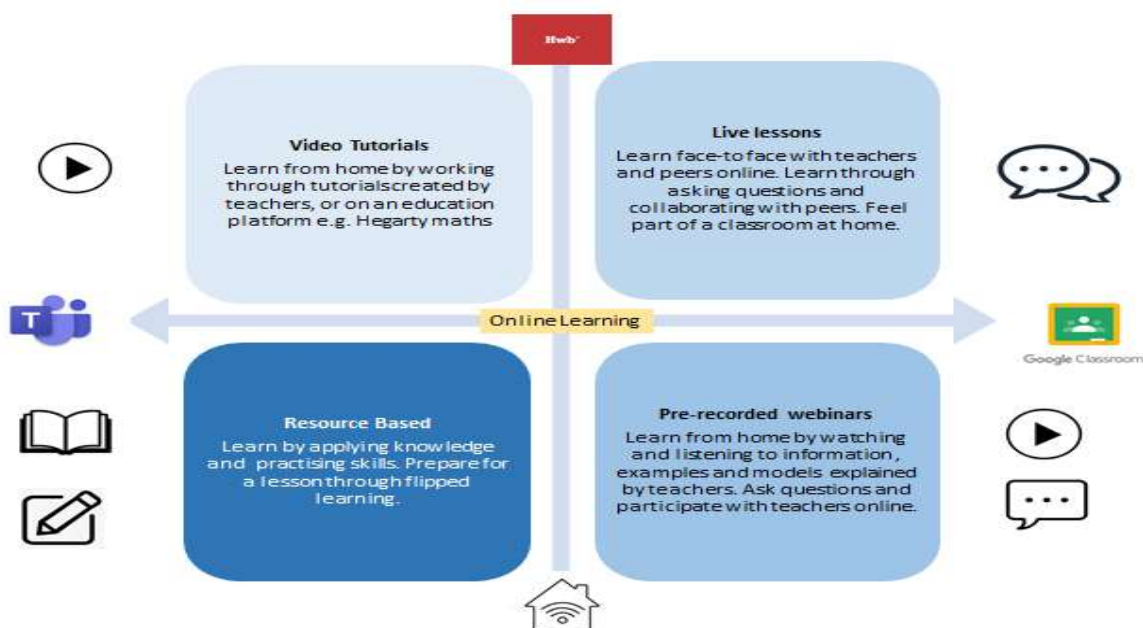
There is also an upcoming work tab in each Google Classroom to help students to organise their time. To help students organise their home learning we have created a video that can be viewed by following this link <http://bit.ly/2XYVrur>

Are all the lessons live?

When planning a lesson, a teacher will consider the best form of online learning, choosing a method that ensures all students understand the work and have a positive learning experience.

[Education Endowment Foundation Research](#)

Teachers will therefore use a blend of learning. This is explained in the infographic below.



We use a blend of learning that takes into account factors that will affect the equity and inclusiveness of our offer for all of our students:

- ✓ Some students are sharing devices at home
- ✓ Some students do not have reliable home Wi-Fi
- ✓ The amount of screen time our students are experiencing

All live lessons are scheduled and students can check this using their Teams calendar. A link is posted in the Google Classroom before the start of any live session making it easier for students to log in.

Live lessons are hosted on Microsoft Teams in line with the advice from the Welsh Government (WG).

What happens if my child misses the live lesson?

All live lessons are recorded and can be found in the Microsoft Teams meeting, or in the Google Classroom which can be viewed at any time.

How will teachers support my child with more difficult work? How will teachers stretch and challenge my child?

Teachers are using a number of strategies to differentiate the learning experience for students. This may include:

- ✓ Setting different tasks for different students in the Google Classroom
- ✓ Using Google classroom comment and voice notes to offer bespoke support and feedback
- ✓ Setting tasks that are more open-ended that students can work on independently.

How will teachers arrange for my child to work with other students?

Teachers will use a range of online tools to encourage collaborative learning. These will include:

- ✓ Collaborative documents
- ✓ Online tools e.g. Jamboard
- ✓ Breakout rooms in Teams

Can I be added to my child's Google Classroom, so that I can monitor their learning?

At present, Hwb does not support this feature. However, we are exploring a number of options so that this might be offered in the future.

How is the school monitoring the online learning being set by teachers?

Teachers are working collaboratively to plan lessons in the short, medium and longer term. Subject leaders have a robust evaluation programme to monitor the quality and quantity of work being set. Periodically virtual student learning trails are conducted where students Google Classrooms are audited for the range of activities being offered and the quality of work being produced.

FEEDBACK AND PROGRESS

How will teachers give feedback to my child on their learning?

Teachers are using a number of strategies to give feedback to students.

- ✓ Live lessons include opportunities for verbal feedback, particularly to review a previous lesson's work using a whole-class feedback strategy.
- ✓ Teachers are also available to give feedback and other support by being present online for the duration of each lesson. However, they are not able to monitor this comment stream at any other time.
- ✓ Comments from a teacher on individual pieces of work will be added using comments or voice notes in Google Classroom.

- ✓ The frequency of detailed written feedback follows the schools marking, assessment and feedback policy.
- ✓ Quizzes are an effective tool to assess understanding and may be included at the start and end of a lesson. Students will use this to self-reflect and check their understanding.

If a student is completing work offline e.g. in their exercise book, the teacher will request a scan or a photograph that can be uploaded as and when necessary so that feedback can be given.

How will I receive feedback on my child's progress over the year?

Progress checks, reports and virtual Parents' Evenings will all continue this year.

We are constantly reviewing our reporting systems to parents and will keep you all informed of upcoming events.

Online attendance is actively monitored every day and parents are contacted via a phone call to offer support or guidance.

WELLBEING

How are you supporting my child's wellbeing?

Wellbeing Form sessions are run every day via Teams. Students are able to interact with their form tutor and peers at 8.40am on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. These sessions will include wellbeing activities. Assemblies will take place every Monday and Friday and will contain information that will signpost them to support if required.

The Wellbeing Team are working every day and are available for support, guidance and advice. If you have a wellbeing concern you can contact the team in the following way:

- ✓ Telephone 01873 735 323
- ✓ Email info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk marked FAO of the relevant Wellbeing Leader:
 - Year 7 – Mrs A Jones
 - Years 8 and 9 - Mr A Smith
 - Years 10 and 11- Mrs J Davies
 - Post 16 – Mr C Davis

EXAM YEAR CONCERNS

How will my child be ready for assessments when they have missed so much learning time in school?

We are constantly using the most up to date guidance from WG and the WJEC to adapt our approach to the learning of KS4 and KS5 students. For example, the WJEC recently published subject adaptations for current Year 11 learners. All teachers have incorporated these within their planning. We are planning a Parent Engagement Event for parents of examination students and details will be sent to parents in due course.

Virtual revision sessions and masterclasses are part of our online Accelerated Learning Programme. At present, masterclasses run virtually afterschool.

How will my child know how to apply to college/ choose A Levels for September?

The Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Curriculum is working closely with Careers Wales, Coleg Gwent and other providers to ensure the smooth transition of students to their next education or training provider. A timetable of parent engagement events and links to online events will be shared shortly.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

How will my child know which options to choose for GCSE?

There will be a presentation at the Careers Fair on the 4th February followed by a Question and Answer session on the 11th February.

There will also be an assembly for Year 9 before half term explaining the options process to all of our students.

How will my child catch up on all their lost learning?

We are working closely with our partner school and other external organisations such as the Local Authority, WJEC and Welsh Government to plan and implement a range of strategies to ensure no child is disadvantaged or has their long-term prospects damaged by the enforced school closures.

ICT ISSUES

I am having trouble with accessing Hwb/ uploading work / problem with my computer – who can I ask for help?

For support with blended learning please try the following:

- ✓ Access the school website e-learning page: <http://www.kinghenryviischool.co.uk/e-learning/>
- ✓ View a video on expectations for home learning: <https://sho.co/1DOO5>
- ✓ View a video to help your child organise themselves for home learning: <https://bit.ly/2IHTWg6>
- ✓ Access help and resources on the schools blended learning playlist <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/ftgpyg>

For technical support:

- ✓ Please contact the school on 01873 735 323 or on our school email address info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk marked FAO: blended learning.