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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: SCHOOL INSET DAY 23 OCTOBER 2020

A reminder that students will be learning remotely on Friday 23 October. They will follow their own timetable to the end of Period 4. The purpose of this day is to ensure that both staff and students are upskilled to complete lessons virtually in the event that COVID-19 once again interrupts the education of our community.

Please support your child by providing an appropriate place for them to work. They will participate in this day of virtual learning via the internet, using one of the following devices - laptop/tablet/smartphone or a desktop. Please ensure that the camera on the device they use is disabled.

The School has produced videos that provide all the necessary guidance to support both students and parents in accessing Microsoft Teams. These videos can be found on our website or clicking on the following link - [Home/ blended learning](#). Every lesson, from registration and PSHE in the morning, through to lesson 4 will be taught virtually at the usual times. Students need to be prompt to their lessons, with the appropriate equipment. Attendance is compulsory.

In the event that a teacher is absent, appropriate work will be emailed.

This is the first time Heston has undertaken such a large-scale delivery of virtual lessons. In the event that we experience technical or technological problems, I would ask for your patience and understanding as we try to resolve any issues that arise. We request that every family does all they can, to support the upskilling of our community. Coping with virtual learning will undoubtedly become a bigger part of educating students in the remainder of the academic year.

Students will return to School after the half-term break with a late start.

LATE START FIRST DAY AFTER HALF TERM 02 NOVEMBER 2020	
	REGISTRATION + LUNCH
YEAR 7 & 9	10:30 - 11:10
POST 16	10:45 - 11:10
	REGISTRATION
YEAR 8 & 10	10:50 - 11:10
YEAR 11	11:00 - 11:10
WHOLE SCHOOL	PERIOD 3 BEGINS

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our community that you can support the School keeping all our students safe by:

- Washing hands regularly
- Social distancing where possible and wearing face coverings in all communal settings

Specialist Visual Arts Academy

- Carrying multiple spare masks [these need to be viewed as part of our uniform]
- Remaining at home if you have undertaken a COVID test until it is confirmed negative.

These simple actions are by far the most effective ways to keep all our community healthy.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

