



8 January 2021

Dear parents of Year 13,

At George Spencer Academy we recognise that that each of our students will have their own unique experience of remote learning. Whether that be due to the device being used or sharing devices with others in the family. Wherever possible, we aim to deliver our planned curriculum and ensure that students' academic progress continues and that the change in learning does not present a disadvantage to their future aspirations. Our primary remote learning offer is delivered through Google Classroom and students will have to follow their in-school timetable due to some lessons being delivered live through Google Meet. If pre-recorded lessons are provided, teachers are available via Google classroom or email while that lesson is taking place. This should enable your child to take breaks when work is not scheduled to be posted or completed. We know that some students are contributing to the cause and have jobs which are supporting the economy or others whether paid or voluntary, this is highly commendable during this time, so thank you.

Progression Post-18 is a key focus at this stage of the year. For those that are applying to university the UCAS deadline has been extended until 29th January. Learning Managers will continue to support those applying to university and are available to contact via email, google classroom and UNIFROG. Apprenticeship/employment opportunities are difficult at the moment, however, hopefully this will be an improving picture as we move through this year and of course we are here to support the students considering these pathways.

The Department for Education has launched an offer to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people. This scheme is open to any student who does not have access to a fixed broadband connection or cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources.

To request extra mobile data, it has to be done through school so please complete this google form and submit by **Wednesday 13th January**. <https://forms.gle/tXxe68cn1Jx94QNB7>

All the information about the scheme and what each network is offering can be found here: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

In December students completed Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and all students received their results before Christmas. We will be holding a Year 13 Progress Evening on Thursday 21st January 4.00pm-7.00pm (more details to follow). This will be an online event and an opportunity for you to discuss your son/daughter's progress with their subject teachers.

Our staff share the same love of learning as our students - they are here to support them with their learning and also wellbeing. We are continually improving and embedding our remote learning offer and it is under constant review to ensure all students receive the most appropriate offer for them. Learning Managers and the sixth form team are planning to be in touch with all families over the coming weeks by telephone. If you have any concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact them directly. We are also looking into providing an online surgery for students who may wish to talk face to face with a member of the Sixth Form team.

Kind regards,

Miss J Gordon
Vice Principal for Quality of Education