

## **Weekly News Update Friday 2 October 2020**

Thank you to all those who attended our very first virtual Open Evening on Thursday 1 October. There are some lovely videos of our students which you can view on our website: [https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/Open\\_eve\\_Landing.aspx](https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/Open_eve_Landing.aspx)

Over the last few weeks it has been fantastic seeing the focus and engagement in lessons as students and staff are becoming used to the staggered days and extra-curricular clubs are again running within their bubbles.

Thank you too for the feedback on our first virtual Meet the Tutor events. These videoed sessions were a good chance for parents and carers to talk to form tutors to see how students had settled back into their learning. The next subject Parents' Evening is for Year 10 on 19 November, this is currently scheduled to take place using the same system.

As the weather has started to be more autumnal a polite reminder that hooded tops are not part of the uniform and they will be confiscated if worn in school. Students should have a coat to come to school; we have adapted our policy to all coats to be worn in lesson while we continue to ventilate rooms. Students who have PE on any given day can continue to come in their PE kit, however it should be the school uniform kit and not a mix and match. Mr Corrigan has some pre-loved PE kit that he can provide to students. Sussex Uniforms have now re-opened their shop in Hove but they are limiting numbers into the shop under the current Covid regulations.

### **Year 11 Revision**

Year 11's can use the library every morning during P1 for quiet revision. The capacity is 15 students, so it will be on a first come first served basis initially. If it becomes very busy we may look at a booking system.

### **Year 10 Help Your Child Prepare for GCSE**

On Wednesday 7 October at 5.30pm Year 10 parents and carers will be able to join our virtual Help Your Child Prepare for GCSE. We will email the link on Monday with full details on how to access the live webinar.

### **Student Access to Remote Learning**

Next week, we are running our Teams trial lessons for each year group starting with Year 11 on Monday through to Year 7 on Friday. The first five to ten minutes of each lesson will be completed on Teams so that staff and students are au fait with their class team, and in the event of a local lockdown they will know how to access Teams from home.

Thank you to all who have completed our survey. We are building a really good picture of which of our students we will need support accessing remote learning in the event of another lock down or a two week period of self-isolation.

If you haven't already done so, please complete this survey so that we know none of our students are missed. If you have more than one child enrolled at Dorothy Stringer School, please could you fill out a separate form for each child. To aid our planning, we would be very grateful if you could complete this form as soon as possible.

This is the link to the survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4BBjP1dYjUi58A\\_z9Ourh3mzp47pVUROgNbQysexZOtUMzVHT0l0NFBODdQQ1RSVFQ2VFU0Tlc4Ry4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4BBjP1dYjUi58A_z9Ourh3mzp47pVUROgNbQysexZOtUMzVHT0l0NFBODdQQ1RSVFQ2VFU0Tlc4Ry4u)

**[If you are having problems accessing the survey please cut and paste this link into your website's address bar]**

**Some Key Dates for your diaries**

Year 10 Parents' Evening - 19 November 2020

Year 11 Mock Results – 17 December 2020

Year 9 Options Evening – 21 January (this may be a virtual event) 2021

Year 9 Parents' Evening – 28 January 2021

Year 11 Parents' Evening – 25 February 2021

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 18 March 2021

Year 8 Parents' Evening – 22 April 2021

**Word of the week: Rife** (adj) = something that is very common or happens a lot

Take care and stay safe.

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