

January 2021

Online Learning During National Lockdown – Microsoft Teams and FireFly

Dear Parent/Carer,

To enable our students to continue to receive quality teaching during the national lockdown from the 5th January 2021, we are adopting an online teaching model following students' existing timetable that includes:

- **Live Lessons via Microsoft Teams** during their normal timetabled slot.
- **Tasks set on FireFly** for those lessons involving a significant practical element – these tasks should be completed in their normal timetabled slot.

Where possible, students should complete any written work in their relevant exercise book. If they currently do not have access to their exercise book, work should be completed on Word and printed, or on paper and then glued into their exercise book once they are able to return to school.

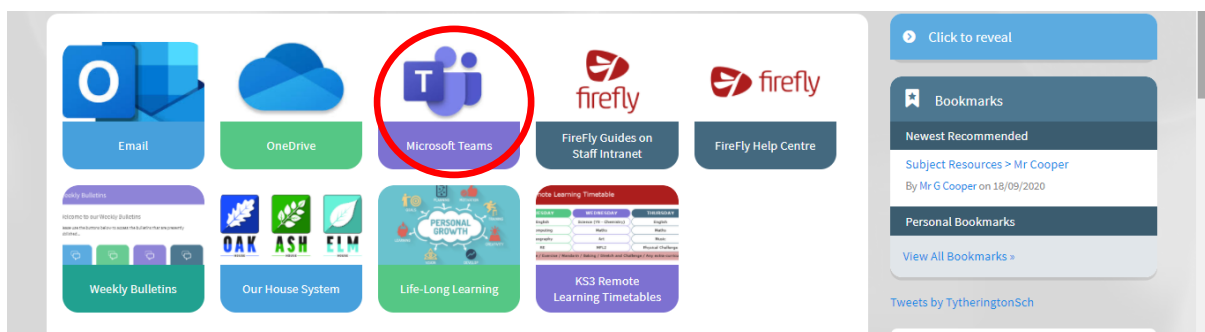
Year 12 students are not expected to access their Study Sessions online and maximise their day with independent study.

Accessing Live Microsoft Teams Lessons

To access lessons via Microsoft Teams, please follow the steps below or [this YouTube video](#):

Step 1: Login to Firefly in an internet browser as usual – a guide is also attached for those who may have difficulty accessing Firefly

Step 2: Click on the Microsoft Teams icon at the top of the page

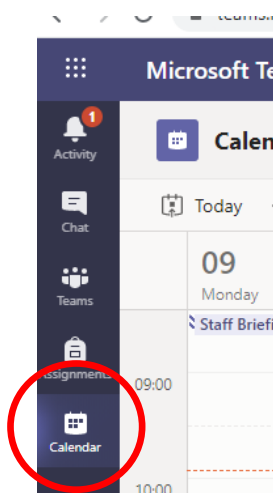


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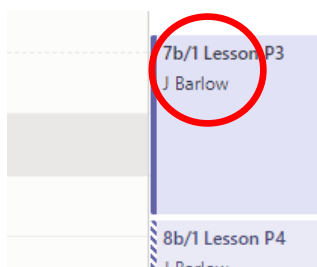
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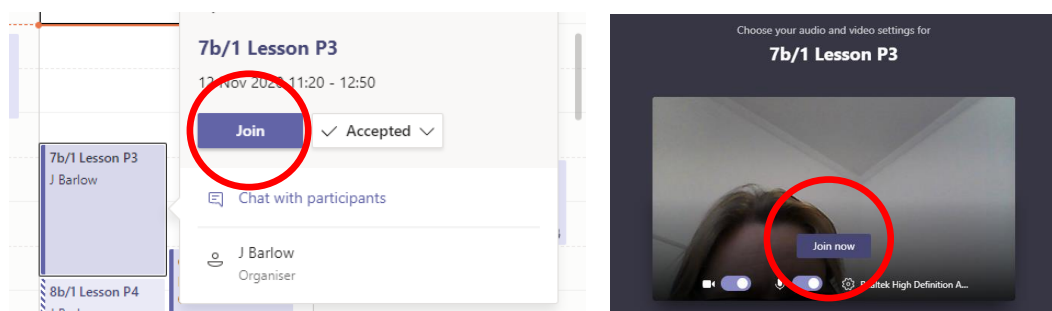
Step 3: Click the Calendar icon on the left-hand side



Step 4: Locate the scheduled lesson on your calendar, click on it.



Step 5: Click “Join”, then “Join now” buttons – You will then be waiting in the “Lobby” until your teacher gives you access to the lesson



Students should ensure that their **Camera is turned On** and that their **Microphone is Off/Muted** until their teacher asks them to unmute. Teachers will need to set up for live streaming between classes so students will need to be patient while waiting to access the lesson.

Our expectations of ambition, respect and preparedness remain the same when students are being taught remotely. The rules and expectations for live lessons are outlined overleaf.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the school via info@tytheringtonschool.co.uk if you have any concerns or queries regarding any of the above. We may receive new information and guidance from the Department of Education over the Christmas Break. Any refinements and adaptations to our current planning will be communicated as soon as possible.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing all students continue to engage in their learning through FireFly and Microsoft Teams.

Best wishes,

Mrs H Pugh
Assistant Headteacher
Key Stage 3 – Years 7-9

Mr A Pilbury
Deputy Headteacher
Key Stage 4 – Years 10 & 11

Mrs C Brennan
Assistant Headteacher
Key Stage 5 – Years 12 & 13

Rules & Expectations of Live Lessons

Any breach of the following rules and expectations will lead to you being removed from the lesson:

- Students should ensure that their parents/carers and other members of the household are aware that they are participating in a live online lesson and they should be mindful that other children may see or hear them and anything in the background.
- Ensure that you are appropriately dressed and sitting upright – not lying on a bed or sofa.
- Enter the lesson with your camera on to allow us to visually register you.
- Remain engaged in the lesson, be polite to others and do not mess around with your video or audio settings.
- Do NOT share the link with others.
- Do NOT capture the screen.

Please be aware that all or part of the lesson may be recorded. If it is recorded, it will be stored only within the Stream app on the school Microsoft 365 system and only shared with those in the school that it is appropriate for (e.g. those that were ill and could not take part in the live lesson).

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