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NEW YEAR LOCKDOWN

I hope that you have all had a much-needed break over the Christmas period. It was good to see the back of 2020, only to walk straight into another lockdown in 2021! We know that the timings will be reviewed, but I think we can anticipate a lengthy stint of remote learning. In this newsletter we can tell you about our preparations, consider our approaches to learning during this period, and signpost where you can get help if you require it. We do offer a wide range of support for our young people, including regular contact for those that need it most. Please do not hesitate to contact us if help is required.



It's great that we have our school iPads. These are the main way that we will organise learning. Our school website contains important instructions if your child is having trouble accessing the internet or their work. Please click the link below to access key documents. Evemouth High School - Practical IT Help - how to sort everything!

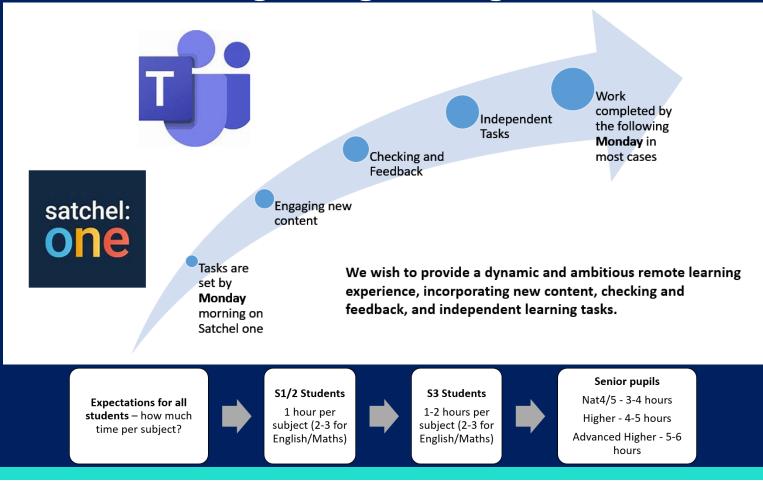


We were just about able to complete our SQA Evidence Point 1 before the Christmas Holiday. It's clear that the focus now will be on learning new content, and not any formal assessments. We will plan engaging content, frequent opportunities to clarify learning and feedback, and independent work. We await any further changes and updates from the SQA.



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How we are organising learning...





We will use Satchel One to highlight every piece of work that is set. This forms our joint work diary. As a parent you can download the Satchel One app so you can see all tasks set for your young person. Students can tick off tasks when completed. Please contact Mrs Fairbairn on eyhskfairbairn@glow.sch.uk if you need help with this. Details will be sent out again during the course of the next week.



Once tasks are posted up by 10am on Monday, we suggest making a simple timetable for the week with your young person. Some of the activities may include 'live' sessions with a class or the teacher, or a member of staff being available during a particular slot. These will need to be planned in. Tasks will indicate the maximum time that should be spent on them.



Please help your young person to monitor how they are getting on. They can easily get in touch with a teacher or Pastoral teacher through TEAMS or GLOW email. We don't want anyone to fall behind - help is available. We now have video capability through the TEAMS app, so are able to organise a face to face catch up if needed.



We are having technical difficulties with teachers completing reports for our S1 pupils remotely – we were due to send these out next week, but this will be delayed pending a solution. In the same way we will have to postpone the S4 and S5/6 Parents' evenings due to social distancing and phone issues.





