

## 19th January 2021 Home Learning Bulletin 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, we would like to say a massive well done to all our learners. Their engagement so far during lockdown has been amazing. On our first day in the Hub we could hear staff delivering live lessons to pupils and the pupils loved it.

We know things can be really challenging during lockdown, and the health and wellbeing of our pupils, families and staff is a priority. We are monitoring the engagement of all pupils and will let parents and carers know if your child isn't doing the work that has been set. This is intended as a supportive measure, just to let you know, as we are aware that not every young person may be able to do their work as per the timetable, depending on home circumstances. We know that everyone is trying their best to keep school, work and family going, and hope that we'll all be back in school before too much longer.

### Illness

Please can we ask if your son/daughter is unable to do school work that you contact the school office on <a href="mailto:Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk">Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</a> so we can register illness in the normal way. If there are any other issues please contact the relevant Pupil Support Leader in the first instance.

### **Attendance Texts**

Last week we sent texts regarding non-engagement on TEAMS to some pupils. Please note these were sent in a supportive measure to ensure all young people had managed to access TEAMS and the work being distributed. We are working on updating this policy to support families and will notify parents/carers of changes this week.

## **Home Learning Support for Parents/Students**

Edinburgh Learns Guidance for Home Learning was issues to all families. https://drummondhigh.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-jan-21\_-2.pdf

## **Additional Resources for Students/Parents/Carers**

Below are some additional resources your child may like to engage in if they would like more support with their subjects:

## e-sgoil (S4-6)

Is an excellent, and highly recommended, online resource which provides a variety of support for young people <a href="http://www.e-sgoil.com/">http://www.e-sgoil.com/</a>

Pupils must use their GLOW username and password in order to access this resource. If pupils do not know their GLOW username and password they should email the school at <a href="mailto:Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk">Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</a> and the school office will be happy to help. Details below of some of their supports:

http://www.e-sgoil.com/news-english/daytime-study-support-launched/ - This is a daily study support offer where subjects are listed and pupils must register using their GLOW password.

http://www.e-sgoil.com/studysupport2020/ - These are evening based study support sessions that last for 45 minutes. Again, pupils will need to register for these sessions using their GLOW username and password as numbers are limited.

## **Collins Publishing**

Free resources and answers for all subjects (mainly Senior Phase) <a href="https://collins.co.uk/pages/scottish-curriculum-free-resources?fbclid=lwAR0WRNFP01fgWt7t-oUuo0QW1BpSkLMJm81gNVoD2-AE4sWQ-1cjhhUaLR0">https://collins.co.uk/pages/scottish-curriculum-free-resources?fbclid=lwAR0WRNFP01fgWt7t-oUuo0QW1BpSkLMJm81gNVoD2-AE4sWQ-1cjhhUaLR0</a>

### **Scholar**

**S4-S6** - Scholar is an excellent resource set up by Heriot-Watt University. All pupils studying in S4 upwards have access to this and have their own username and password. If you have forgotten your password please contact the school office on <a href="mailto:admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk">admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</a>

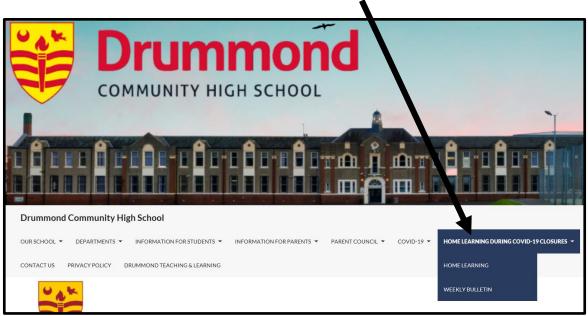
Below is a link to a video you can watch which outlines the features of the website: <a href="https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/videosStudent.html">https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/videosStudent.html</a>

# Arrangements for Home Learning 11<sup>th</sup> January – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

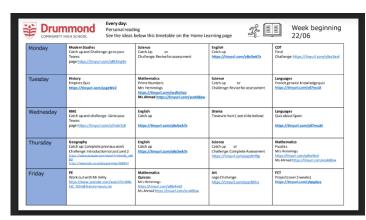
The following arrangements are in place for Home Learning from 11-29 January.

#### S1 & S2

A learning grid based on curricular areas will be posted on the school website weekly. Please click on the 'Home Learning During Covid 19' tab on the school website. Or click on the link <a href="https://drummondhigh.org/home-learning-during-covid-19-closures/">https://drummondhigh.org/home-learning-during-covid-19-closures/</a>



This link will take you to a grid similar to the one below. There will a separate grid for S1 and S2. Pupils can



then work through each day by clicking on the links in the grid. Pupils will need to use their Office 365 usernames and passwords to access the links. Class teachers will indicate how work is to be submitted on each task.

- S1/S2 grids will be updated weekly
- Class teachers will take registers to ensure all pupils are engaging with class work. At the end of each week S1 & S2 parent/carers will be contacted via text if a pupil has not engaged in home learning.

## **S3** and Senior Phase

- It is expected that all S3-S6 pupils should follow their normal timetables from home. We encourage students to keep to usual school hours as much as possible so that the transition back to school in February is easier, rather than turning night into day! We appreciate this might not be possible in some cases but pupils are encouraged to communicate with class teachers in the first instance so they are aware.
- Work will be posted on individual class TEAMS pages when classes are timetabled, and pupils should submit work via TEAMS (or however they are asked by the class teacher). Class teachers will be

available to support in different ways throughout the lessons apart from the days they are supervising pupils in the Hub. They will be able to explain what materials are required to work on that lesson, where the materials are located and provide support.

- Pupils should log on to Office 365 https://drummondhigh.org/office-365/
- Pupils will be provided with digital materials to work through, in several different formats.
- Staff may also have a video recording ready for them to watch.
- Staff may also deliver a lesson 'live' via Teams (protocol was emailed to families last term but will be redistributed with this bulletin)
- We know how important it is to keep track of pupils' engagement with learning while we are in lockdown and alerting parents as soon as possible if their child is not following their timetable. Therefore, a daily register will be completed by staff, and parents/carers will be texted the following morning if pupils did not engage with learning the previous day.
- Please note that Assessment Phase 2 scheduled for 16-26 February is still expected to take place for S4-S6 students. Pupil engagement will be monitored daily, and a decision about keeping to these assessment dates or delaying, will made before the end of January.

### **ICT Devices**

All pupils in S1-S6 who have indicated they require a device to access home learning now have them. If any pupil does not expect to receive a device, and cannot access home learning, please can we ask that they contact the school using our school office email <a href="mailto:Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk">Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</a>.

## Not getting TEAMS alerts?

All students should receive alerts to notify of assignments, live lessons and notifications posts on TEAMS. If your son/daughter is not receiving these alerts please click on the link for instructions. These have also been sent to all pupils today. <a href="https://drummondhigh.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/making-sure-you-get-notifications-from-your-class-2.pptx">https://drummondhigh.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/making-sure-you-get-notifications-from-your-class-2.pptx</a>

## Can't find your Team?

If you find you are not appearing on the Teams group please contact <u>Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</u> and we can direct your email to the correct teacher.

## **Issues with Office 365**

We appreciate that these times are difficult and many of us are learning new skills. If you are having problems logging on to Office 365 click on the following link, which contains instructions for adults and pupils. <a href="https://drummondhigh.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/teams-how-to-guide.pdf">https://drummondhigh.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/teams-how-to-guide.pdf</a> Any pupil who cannot access TEAMS should email Admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk ASAP so log-in details can be provided.

## **Pupil Support Leaders**

Pupil Support Leaders can be contacted on the following email addresses if required.

Annandale – Mr Paley – Michael.paley@drummond.edin.sch.uk

Bellevue – Ms Rawluk – <u>maria.rawluk@drummond.edin.sch.uk</u>

Claremont – Ms Rankin – <u>Leah.rankin@drummond.edin.sch.uk</u>

Take care,

The Drummond Team