

Our Ref: TSE/LSM

3rd June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you in relation to our revised Term 6 learning offer at Kettering Science Academy.

Although we are looking to re-open schools from 15th June 2020 to Year 10 and 12, along with critical worker and vulnerable students, we are clear that this will not take the place of **online learning**. As such it is incredibly important that all students engage with online learning this Term, and following on from the parental survey, we have updated our Teaching and Learning online procedures as outlined below.

Online learning

Until further notice, or guidance from the DfE, Kettering Science Academy is going to continue to support students through online learning and Teams. We recognise the challenge our students and families face in continuing to learn from home and want to thank you for all you are doing.

Following feedback from our recent parental survey we have already made changes to the study programme by providing you with a timetable of subjects to be studied each week.

KS3 – Term 6 Timetable

	Subject
Monday	Eng/Maths/Sci/PSHE
Tuesday	History/Geog/RE/Drama
Wednesday	Eng/Maths/Sci/Citizenship
Thursday	DT/PE/Music/Languages
Friday	Eng/Maths/Sci/Art

Kettering Science Academy, from Monday 8th June is improving its online offer to key stage 3 students to include more instruction-based content and teacher feedback.

The following outlines the online learning that your child will experience:



1. There will be an introduction to each lesson by subject teachers who will explain the expected outcomes and the details of the assignment.
2. Content of the lesson may be narrated resources by the teacher, or online packages such as Oak Academy and Hegarty.
3. Assignment(s) will be set based on the content of the lesson. This could include
 - a. Comprehension questions or examination style questions
 - b. Creative activities
 - c. Pre-reading for a future lesson
 - d. Extension work
 - e. Student self-guided learning
4. Work will be set by 8.00am on the morning of the timetabled lesson and students will have a week to complete the work, those who haven't submitted it within a week will be followed up by one of the curriculum team.
5. The teacher will monitor the assignments and provide feedback appropriate to activities.

In summary, Microsoft Teams will continue to be the main platform for student learning, with tasks set for all students on the morning of the timetabled lesson, with a week's deadline per assignment. There will be one assignment for each subject that will cover the whole week and this will be launched through Teams each week explaining the tasks and including links for the online packages.

School/Teacher/Tutor contact

During the summer term heads of year and tutors will continue to be in touch with students through online assemblies, surveys and individual phone calls. And, should any parent/carer have any concerns about the learning package they must continue to contact their head of year:

Year 7 – Helen Fennon – HFennon@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Year 8 – Mrs Allan – FAllan@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Year 9 – Michael Stock – MStock@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Curriculum and IT Support

A working computer and internet is essential to online learning. If you are having issues with this please contact enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org

We have a paper booklet available for students working at home which can be provided if you require. These will be available for collection from the school reception from Thursday 11th June between the hours of 11.00am and 2.00pm.

Full curriculum overview of topics for each year group can be found on the website under online learning.

Conclusion

I want to finish by thanking you again for your fantastic support to both myself and the staff at Kettering Science Academy over this time. We have received so many lovely comments from parents which make a real difference.



Please look after yourselves and your families during this uncertain time and we are looking forward to seeing all of our students back in Kettering Science Academy as soon as is possible.

Yours sincerely



Tony Segalini
Principal

