

Supporting your son when learning remotely



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Remote learning (sometimes called online or distance learning) is different from face to face learning. It requires students to be more focused and organised, to ensure they know what is happening and when.

We have created a specific timetable for remote learning. It will not involve the normal structure of six periods per day, but maintaining a defined routine is important – and working through tasks will require your son to be organised.

I recommend you start each day knowing what your son will be working on and what classes are scheduled for the day. Some teachers may make use of video conferencing (Google Meet). Talk with your son at the end of each day, ask how things went, and please give feedback to his Housemaster if you have any concerns.

- Ensure your son has a quiet space to work – not necessarily his bedroom
- He will need headphones, so he can participate in video/audio meetings
- Your son will be using Schoolbox, Google Docs and Google Meet (video) to continue his learning
- Ensure you monitor communications from his teachers by looking at class pages with your son
- Talk with him about the importance of not being off-task – that is, watching YouTube, gaming, etc. – during learning sessions
- Encourage him to stay active, and be mindful of his stress levels
- Keep your son social, but set rules around social media interactions.

Your son can ensure he is ready for remote learning by

- Following the daily routine suggested by the school
- Working in a quiet and comfortable space
- Regularly monitoring Schoolbox for notices, learning materials, emails
- Using Google Docs and responding to or seeking feedback when necessary
- Completing tasks with integrity and academic honesty, doing his best work
- Doing his best to meet timelines, commitments, and due dates
- Communicating proactively with his teachers if he cannot meet deadlines or requires additional support
- Collaborating with his classmates and supporting them in their learning
- Communicating with teachers as required.

Some material sourced from:

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