



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 11 January 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



Headteacher's message

Suffice to say that this week has been another of those unprecedented ones.

We have all had to deal with shifting pressures, changing demands and expectations; and at the heart of all of this are our students. It is for this reason that in this week's bulletin I have included a short video message to them. If you could spare a few moments, please share the relevant video(s) with your children.

[Video message from the Headteacher for Year 7 students](#)

[Video message from the Headteacher for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12](#)

[Video message from the Headteacher for students in Years 11 and 13](#)

I have to say though, that I have been really impressed by how well students have got on this week. Attendance has been excellent and, notwithstanding some technical glitches, a full timetable of lessons has gone ahead. Credit to the staff for whom this is also the first time they have run a full week's

timetable of lessons via Teams and made the required adaptations look so seamless when actually an awful lot of hard work has and is going into it. I know they are really enjoying being able to see the students and engaging with them.

There has been some review and reflection on the week though and you will see from the timetable below that we are making a couple of small changes from next week, which we believe will be of benefit to everyone.

In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful weekend, enjoy the smattering of snow and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Jo Meloni

Headteacher

Whole school notices

Week commencing 11.01.21 is timetable week A.

Remote learning

All year groups are expected to engage with remote learning until half term (12 February 2021). During this time, there is on-site provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. If you would like to register your child for this provision, please complete this [form](#).

Attendance to Microsoft Teams lessons

We have been so impressed with how well students have adapted to their new way of learning this week. We know how busy families are and want to ensure you are fully informed about your child's participation. In the event that your child misses a lesson, we aim to notify you by email later that day or the next day. We do this in a supportive way so that you can keep tabs on your child's engagement and get support from us where needed.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend lessons for any other reason, please let us know in advance in the usual way each morning (by emailing attendance@themisbourne.co.uk). For all other correspondence about your child, please continue to use the relevant school base email account so we can achieve consistency and clarity of communication.

Timings of the school day

Firstly, we want to thank families for their support with remote learning, it is really appreciated.

We have had some concerns raised by families about the amount of screen time that students are experiencing each day combined with the fact that, due to the days getting darker earlier, there is limited time for students to engage in outdoor activities.

Following this feedback, we will be slightly amending the timings of the school day effective from Monday 11 January until February half-term.

Below, you will see the new timings and structure of the school day.

Each day will now have some time at the end for optional curriculum enrichment activities/clubs for students to undertake or join in with. More information about these is below.

From Monday 11 January, the daily timetable will be:



Timings of the Day - All students	
Tutor Time, Assembly	08.40 - 08.55
Period 1	09.00 - 09.50
Period 2	09.55 - 10.45
<i>Break</i>	<i>10.45 - 11.15</i>
Period 3	11.15 - 12.05
Period 4	12.10 - 13.00
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>13.00 - 13.40</i>
Period 5	13.40 - 14.30
Exercise & Extracurricular Opportunities	14.30 onwards

Exercise and Extra-curricular clubs

We are excited to introduce to you our new curriculum enrichment programme that will run daily from 2.30pm until February half term. Each day there is a different activity for your child to be involved in and opportunities to develop new skills and win achievement points! Please take a look at the timetable [here](#) for information on each of the activities running, details of how to sign up to specific clubs and links to access any Teams-led sessions.

Covid-19 testing in school

Ms Meloni sent a letter on Wednesday with details of the Covid-19 in-school testing programme for all students, together with the parental consent form. Please [click here](#) to read it.

Collection of books / portfolios

Any students that have arranged with their teachers to collect books or portfolios may come onto the school site on Monday 11 January. The site will be open between 9am - 3pm.

If arriving by car, please do not park on Misbourne Drive. Parents may park in the coach park, beyond the Sports Hall, and then exit from the bottom gate to maintain a one-way system. If the coach park is full, parents may use the staff car park, providing there is room.

All work is to be collected from the Sports Hall, where teachers will have left it according to the student's form group. If you are collecting work on behalf of your child / another student, please ensure you know which form group they are in.

To ensure everyone's safety, we must follow Covid control measures at all times. Upon entering the school site, please walk straight down the coach road to the Sports Hall, enter through the main sports hall door, pick up the books and then exit out of the back right-hand side of the sports hall and leave the site straightaway. Please wear a face mask while in the Sports Hall. There will be members of staff on site to provide assistance.

Access to the school library for all students

From next week we will be offering a 'click and collect' service for students who wish to borrow library books.

Students can access the library catalogue in the same way they were doing before this current 'lockdown'. Access is via 'Quick Links' on the home page of the school [website](#).

Click [here](#) for a quick guide to how to use the library catalogue.

Students are welcome to borrow more than one book at a time.

Please can you request books before the end of the day on Monday.

Collection will be on a Thursday and details of the pickup procedures will be emailed out to the relevant parents/students.

Journalism Club is recruiting

In the Autumn term, we established our Journalism Club with a small group of students across year groups who are working on creating a student blog to include written, audio and video reports on school life, issues affecting young people and a student-slant on everyday news, sport and entertainment. We've started off small but now we'd like to grow our team and we're inviting students across the school to join us. We meet weekly on Teams on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm and will be working with our student leadership team to grow our platform. If your child is interested in taking part, please email your school base who will pass your details on to Mr Worth.



1 - Weekly advice from our school counsellor, Mrs Sharp

Create a calm space

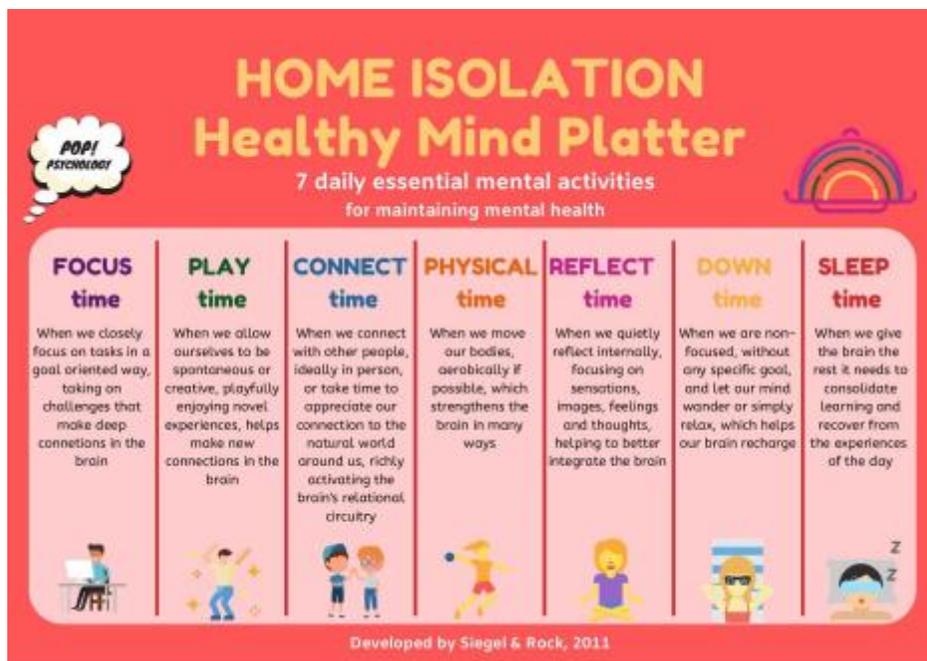
- Always leave enough time in your day to do something that makes you happy, satisfied, even joyous. That has more of an effect on wellbeing than any other single factor.

- Limit or turn off the radio and T.V
- Keep it simple - focus on experience rather end product, let go of the need to be perfect
- Be forgiving and compassionate towards yourself and your children - this is a global pandemic and there is no 'normal'

Develop Routine and Structure

During times when there are restrictions on what we can do, it is easy to feel helpless, which can create panic and anxiety. Asking children to be involved in planning out family activities will help them to feel empowered and motivated and support them in developing resilience.

Try the 'Healthy Mind Platter' as a way of developing different routines for each day, and ask for their input in making decisions.



There is lots of wellbeing advice and contact details for external organisations that can help on the [Wellbeing page](#) of the school's website. If you are struggling with parenting an anxious child, please contact the school for further advice and assistance.

Year group-specific notices

YEARS 7 and 8

Literacy

Students in Years 7 and 8 can now complete Accelerated Reader quizzes at home and therefore keep working on their reading targets.

Students will need to use the link to Accelerated Reader for the Quick Links menu on the [home page](#) of the school website. Please note students will not get access to our unique AR page if they just type Accelerated Reader into Google.

A reminder of how to log in to Accelerated Reader is [here](#).

YEAR 11

Applying to Sixth Form: applications to our Sixth Form are still open and can be accessed via the [Applications Page](#) of our website. The first-round deadline for applications is 29 January 2021.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE): Year 11 will be commencing their statutory Relationships and Sex Education unit this term in Learning for Life (PSHE). This will help support families in equipping them with the knowledge and understanding to have healthy and happy relationships. It will also ensure they know how to stay safe and look after themselves as they continue to mature into young adults.

Whilst we are undergoing remote learning, our lessons will focus initially on the 'relationships' content from the Department for Education's (DfE) framework, and will be adapted to suit online learning better. Later on this term we will endeavour to teach the sex education framework where appropriate.

If you do not want your child taking part in the sex education framework you must download and complete the consent form [here](#) and return it to cbartington@themisbourne.co.uk

If you have not read our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy, which was previously circulated to families for our parental consultation, you can read it on our website. This provides a breakdown of our whole school RSE curriculum as well as the DfE framework for relationships education and sex education.

YEAR 13

Consultation evening: the consultation evening for Year 13 students and their families will take place virtually on Thursday 14 January from 4.20pm - 7.00pm. To book your appointments, please visit <https://themisbourne.schoolcloud.co.uk> You will need to log in with your details and your child's date of birth. Bookings opened at 6pm on Thursday 7 January and will close at midday on Thursday 14 January. Full details of how to access the video appointments will be sent home next week.

UCAS Applications: The national UCAS deadline has been put back to 29 January. More information can be found [here](#). Students who are finalising their applications should contact their form tutor or Mrs Cook (ccook@themisbourne.co.uk) for any assistance.



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