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Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

We are writing to you with exciting news about online learning at St Mark's. Please watch [this video](#) to find out more!

Following a successful trial, from Monday the 22 June, all teachers of year 10 and 12 students will be using Microsoft Teams to deliver their online lessons.

These new lessons will offer your child a chance to learn online in an interactive way that mirrors the rich learning environment of our classrooms using Microsoft Teams and Show my Homework. The lessons will include:

- A video PowerPoint lesson in which the teacher teaches a lesson using voice over to guide your child through the lesson
- A digital exercise book where your child can write—just like in a real classroom
- Quizzes to check how much students have understood from a lesson, which will be marked by the class teacher.

### Where will these lessons be?

Lessons will be uploaded on [Show my Homework](#) as usual, with instructions to follow for getting on to [Microsoft Teams](#).

### What do I need to do now?

Watch this video with your child, and help them to log on to [Show my Homework](#) and then [Microsoft Teams](#). You can use Ms Teams in a web browser, and also download it as an app to computers and SMART phones—free of charge.

### What if I can't access the resources?

If you struggle, [the video](#) should help you. If you are still having trouble, please contact [homelearning@stmarksacademy.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@stmarksacademy.org.uk) or your child's coach or teacher.

When the roll out to years 10 and 12 is successful, we will begin moving on to MS teams for years 7, 8 and 9. MS Teams will be an important part of providing effective education to your child over the challenges of the coming year. It's important they spend the time learning how to use the software.

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Thank you for your support with helping students engage with the work being set by schools. We know that this is not always easy and urge you to contact us if there is anything more we can do to support you at home. We will be asking your child for feedback to help us to shape and develop our approach.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Foster - **Director of Core English**  
Ms R Sewell - **Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning**

### **COVID-19 Advice & Guidance**

Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Home Isolation Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation>

Government Action Plan <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

NHS 11 Online <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

NHS Guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Travel Advice <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

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