

Thomas Gainsborough School: Remote Learning Support for STUDENTS

Maintain your learning routines

Despite the current situation, we are all committed to making sure that everyone continues to receive high quality teaching and learning. You will attend your lessons as normal through a combination of live teaching and Google Classroom: as such we expect you to be well prepared and to be online and ready to learn on time as you normally would. Lessons will continue with your normal teachers at normal times, with break and lunch time also at their normal times. Assessments of your work will continue and feedback will be given through a variety of online means.

Prepare properly for lessons

Make sure that you have a suitable space in which to take part in your live lessons and that your device is switched on and you are ready to log on to your class session on time. Be mindful that you are appropriately dressed and that the space you are in is as quiet and suitable for learning as possible. Make sure that your microphone is muted unless the teaching member of staff is talking directly to you. Maintain your organisation and make certain that you have any equipment required for your lesson ready before you log on, including items such as pens, paper, workbooks, sketchbooks, etc. Consider whether your device needs to be plugged into a charger in order to function throughout the lessons.

Own your learning and progress

The most important person to your learning and progress is you. Take responsibility for your own progress by maintaining your focus, motivation and organisation as you engage with your online lessons. If you are unsure of anything in your lessons, use the 'hand up' tool in Google Meet in order to ask a question, or communicate with your teacher via email if you need a more one to one approach. Try to maximise your engagement with your online lessons and respond positively to assessments and feedback to make the most progress.

Begin and end the day by checking the following:

- **What lessons do I have today?**
- **Do I have any tests/assessments?**
- **Do I have any tasks due in?**
- **Do I have all the resources and equipment I need?**

Stay in touch

The current context in which we are working is obviously very unusual. Whenever you feel the need, please communicate with your teachers or tutor if you are uncertain or anxious about any element of your lessons, and also make sure that you are talking to your parents to help them to support you in your learning. Be mindful that teachers are not expected to respond to emails out of normal working hours.