## Teaching & Learning in the Sixth Form

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**Deputy Headteacher** 



## The 6<sup>th</sup> form team

A large team working at your daughter's service to support her pastorally and academically.

SLT Academic: Mr Adam

SLT Pastoral: Mr Barton

Head of Years: Miss Hollis (Y12), Miss Fernandes (Y13)

Registrar: Ms Williams

as well as a post-16 careers advisor, independent study supervisors, an enrichment coordinator and an Assistant Lead Inclusion.

#### Timetable in the 6<sup>th</sup> form

- 5 x 50-minute taught lessons per option subject
- Students on Level 3 courses (A level / BTECs) will generally study on 3 option blocks = 15 taught lessons + PSHE
- Students will have one Independent Learning lesson per subject
- The rest of the time is devoted to studying: homework, wider reading, re-drafting work, preparing revision notes, revising for assessments...

## How teaching & learning has changed this year

- Since March, all lessons have been taught online at UHS:
  - 5 weekly lessons per subject taught remotely;
  - Registration and PSHE also delivered remotely as per normal timetable.
- At Wimbledon College, use of Google Classroom to submit assignments.
- September is unlikely to be 'back to normal'. Risk of new lockdown in case of spike in Merton or cases of infection in school.
- May be more blended learning, mixing learning in school and digital learning both for remote lessons and enrichment / PSHEC / careers support is highly likely.

# What to expect in September for Y12 (at UHS)

	Staff	Students
No social distancing	Teaching in classrooms Resources uploaded on Teams Marking takes place on Teams	Files kept online on OneNote. Bring laptops to all lessons Access resources and teacher feedback online
1m social distancing	Teach from school with laptop. Half the class attends week 1, half the class week 3; week 2 and 4: all teaching is remote.	Attend lessons in school 1 week per month Access live lessons, materials and marking on Teams/OneNote 3 weeks out of 4.
Lockdown	Remote teaching as per timetable 100% lessons delivered online Assignments set through MS Teams	Students access all their lessons online. Students take part in lessons with mic and Chat function. Complete assignments on MS Teams

## What to expect in September for Y12 (at Wimbledon College)

	Staff	Students
No social distancing	Normal timetable in classrooms	Students attend lessons
1m social distancing	Teaching in school with number in class dependent on classroom size.	Attend lessons in school as directed.
Lockdown	1 Live lesson per week per teacher on Google Meet.	Students access Live lessons on Google Meet.



#### 1:1 devices

Learning cannot be accessed without a laptop.

Just like a calculator would be necessary to study Maths, your daughter having her own device is a compulsory requirement to join the 6<sup>th</sup> form.



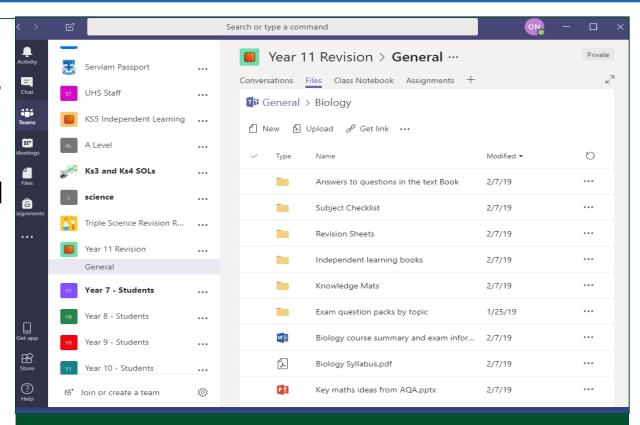
#### Uses

- Remote teaching and learning
- Teaching resources in your class team
- Share ideas & collaborate
- Instant feedback
- Subject specific tools such as MathsWatch, Kerboodle, Seneca, Socrative.
- Replaces the exercise book
- Assessment online at UHS

#### **MS** Teams

Our VLE, MS Teams, is accessible on our school devices and from the school website.

All remote learning is conducted through MS Teams in a safe and secure manner with every timetabled lesson running as usual.



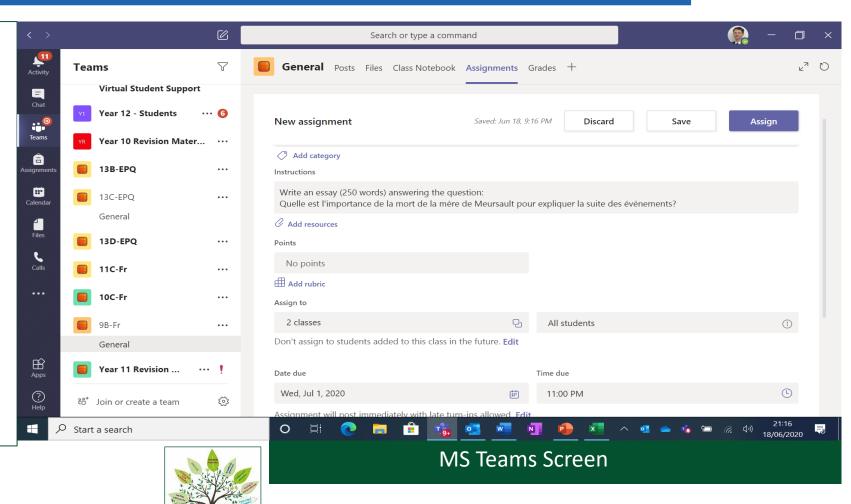
MS Teams Screen

## Assignments

Assignments will be submitted through MS Teams.

Students can be given assignments to complete by a certain due date.

Teachers will mark online and feed back their comments for quick, secure personalised feedback.



#### **Online Examinations**

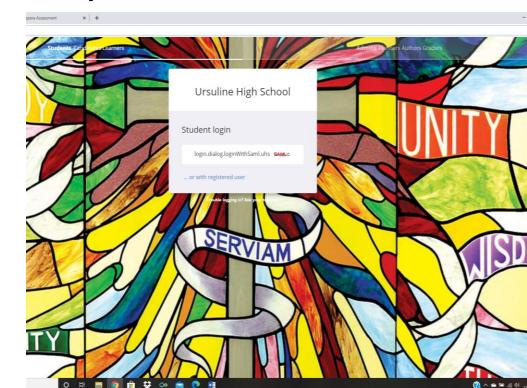
 Y12 have cumulative assessments once per half-term in all their subjects.

This summer, we have trialled Y12 end-of-year examinations

online using Inspera.

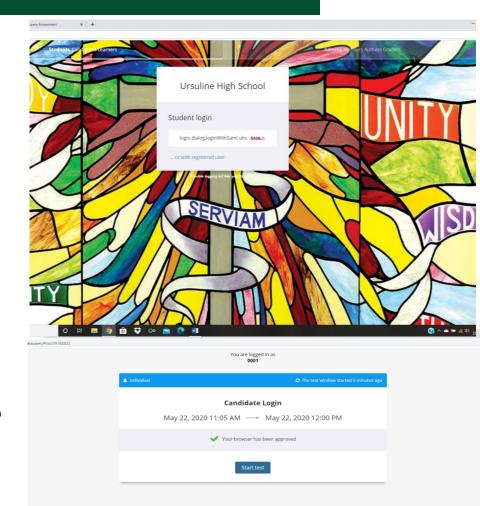
Exams taken from home.

- Very successful trial.
- 100% attendance to exams.



### Inspera

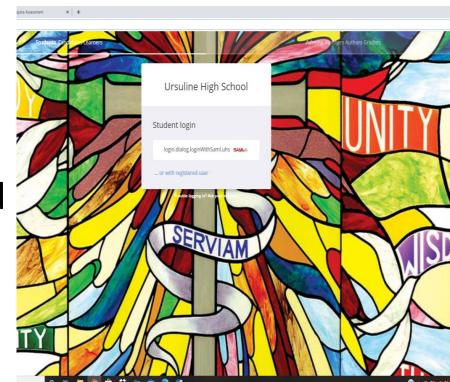
- Scandinavian platform for Primary / Secondary / University assessments online
- Brand-new software piloted for the first time in a UK school
- Well-established track record for online examinations
- Contains anti-plagiarism tool
- Offers the possibility to use laptop camera to check no cheating is taking place
- Exams accessed through our website



https://uhs.inspera.com/

## Joining the 6th Form

- A laptop will be essential come September
  - In order to access the lessons and teaching resources
  - In order to take the assessment papers
  - In order to access PSHE, registration and enrichment opportunities
- Two options are available to you:
- 1. Getting a device through the donation fund
- 2. Using your own device



### **School Laptop Scheme Information**

- Contributions to the Governors' Development Fund (suggested donation of £30 per month) by Direct Debit throughout your daughter's time in the 6<sup>th</sup> form.
- If you join the scheme, your daughter will receive a laptop to use in school and at home.
- Some families may not be in a financial position for this amount of donation. The Bursary application form was sent to you to complete and return. This is essential as the school can provide support to families who meet the threshold to access the Bursary fund.

## Advantages of the laptop scheme

Outstanding IT support available Monday – Friday with ID3

Device is covered for accidental damage.

Manufacturer's Warranty on the device (excluding battery and charger).

Loan device if yours is taken in for repairs.

Anti-virus & Malware software.

Backup of user files and easy access to schools files through OneDrive & automatic sync, making all documents safe and up-to-date.

Availability of all school software and programs including all Microsoft Office applications.

E-Safe: online monitoring software ensuring the device is used safely and to help us support the well-being of your daughter



## How Your Donations Help Our School

- Voluntary aided school
- In the last few years, donations have funded:
  - Refurbishment of the Science labs
  - Refurbishment of The Chapel
  - New minibus
  - Refurbishment of St Angela's Arts Centre and Gallery
  - Window replacement programme



# Alternative to the Governors' Development Fund

- If you decide to provide your own device, we would recommend:
  - Using a device that is less than three years-old: the vast majority of these should run the software required without any issues.
  - A device that uses Windows 10
- Please note that:
  - Apple & Android tablets are not compatible
  - Apple devices (MacAir, iBook...) are not compatible with our system and will hinder the student's ability to participate
  - Chromebooks are not fully compatible with all software used by the school e.g.
     Microsoft Office applications, as they use a mobile version of the applications
  - All the advantages mentioned about joining the development fund (IT support, One Drive, e-Safe...) cannot be offered to students using their own devices.

#### Before the end of term

- Please inform us of your intentions re which alternative suits you best by submitting this <u>Form</u>. This will help us prepare efficiently for the start of the year.
- If you have applied for a Bursary from the school, please make sure you email financial evidence to Ms Williams or we won't be able to process your application.
- If your daughter is not eligible for FSM or a Bursary and you cannot afford a device at present, please return the Form above explaining your circumstances and our Finance department will contact you.

## Any questions

- About the use of laptops for learning, please contact Mr Adam: <u>didier.adam@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>
- About the Governors' Development Fund, donations and laptop scheme, please contact Ms Silke, Director of Finance: <u>alison.silke@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk</u>
- About the start of the academic year and enrolment, and to supply financial evidence for a Bursary, please contact Ms Williams, 6<sup>th</sup> form registrar: gale@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk