



## The School at the Heart of Wales

Dear parents/carers

As promised in my letter to you on Thursday, I am writing to update you on our progress with the ongoing development of Ysgol Calon Cymru's remote learning provision. To meet the challenges of many of our pupils learning from home, the school's remote learning provision has been under continual development, and as you know, we have been working hard to improve our provision. As ever, thank you for the feedback that is helping us shape what we do as we move forward.

I know many of you have already seen last week's communications, and you, your son/daughter is now clear in our approach. We have now published a dedicated webpage with details about where each year group can find their work, and how you can contact teachers to ask questions, submit completed work and receive feedback. The page also includes a video showing you how to find email and TEAMS on Hwb, and work on the website. For the link to this webpage, please check the news section of the school's website ([www.ysgolcalon.cymru/news](http://www.ysgolcalon.cymru/news)) or the Ysgol Calon Cymru Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ysgolcaloncymru](http://www.facebook.com/ysgolcaloncymru)).

As stated in this guidance, work for each school year can be found on the school website on the page for each year group (with work for Year 12 found on the Sixth Form page).

- For Years 7, 8 and 9, the work on the website is the work for the whole summer term, and contains a variety of tasks and projects. Some are highly structured, some are more open ended. They are designed to encourage independent learning, enquiry and curiosity.
- For Year 10 pupils, new work will be posted each Tuesday, with half of the subjects posting on Tuesday of Week 1, and the other half on Tuesday of Week 2. They will post enough work for the fortnight. This is to provide learners with the freedom to plan and manage their learning in the way that best suits them.
- For Year 12 pupils, subjects will post new work either once a week or every two weeks, depending on the needs of each teaching group and subject.

As part of our remote learning provision, teachers will also be holding sessions on Microsoft TEAMS to provide help and support with pupils' work. It has been incredibly encouraging to see how many of our pupils are already accessing our learning surgeries via TEAMS to discuss the work they've been producing remotely during lockdown and receive feedback.

As pupils return to Ysgol Calon Cymru at the end of this month and at the beginning of the next academic year, we will need to continue to strike an intelligent blend of in-school learning and remote learning in order to maintain the social distancing measures that will very likely be in place for the foreseeable future. It is important that the school's remote learning provision continues to develop and grow, as we look to provide pupils with the rich learning experience they deserve and should expect.

As I have previously emphasised, myself and my colleagues firmly believe that no child should be disadvantaged by a crisis that is outside of their control, and we are doing everything we possibly can to make sure that this is not an outcome for any of our pupils at Ysgol Calon Cymru.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Jones'.

Richard Jones

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