



# Poynton High School and Performing Arts College

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well and that your child is making good progress with their learning. We are proud of how well students are engaging with work and wanted to update you on how we are developing our use of online support for students. This letter summarises the support which is now available.

## CENTURY

We have invested in CENTURY which will be really useful to support student progress in English, maths and science. CENTURY uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to personalise learning for students and to select the best lessons in the platform to complete at home. Teachers will set some activities as home learning but students can also work through at their own pace. Once they have completed some of the initial diagnostic tasks the programme will assign them activities appropriate to them. This personalised learning will help students to make rapid progress.

We are launching CENTURY for students in school this week and more information can be found at <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/century>, including an introductory video for students to watch and instructions on how to log in. Students will receive their password in school.

## Google Classroom

We introduced this to students last year and it has been very successful. This is now our platform for setting all home learning for students as we no longer use Doodle. They should log in to the platform each day to look at what home learning has been set by their teachers. Students will also submit most of their work for assessment through Google Classroom.

Further information about Google Classroom can be found at <https://www.phs.cheshire.sch.uk/googleclassroom>

## Google Classroom offers other benefits to students:

### Interaction with teachers

Each class and form group have a Classroom Stream and they can post questions and comments and receive answers from teachers. This gives teachers a very simple way to respond to student queries. Students can also email their teachers through the Gmail facility in Google Classroom. Email should be used rather than private messages in Google Classroom.

### Access to resources

Students will be able to see additional resources on Google Classroom. This will support them in completing their home learning and in consolidating their understanding of work completed previously.

### Opportunities to engage with clubs online

Students are automatically members of their subject classes and their form group and we have created new 'classes' for things like Science Club, DofE and the Reading Groups. These will be extended over time and will allow us to continue some of the extra-curricular activities that are so important in school. We will send out codes for students to access these 'classrooms' as they continue to be set up.

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## To log onto Google Classroom

Students should go to <https://studenthub.phs.truelearning.org.uk/> which is the central hub for our students and click on Google Classroom. They may also wish to download Google Classroom as an app. They should login is as follows.

Login requires a username and password. The username is the same as their login for the computers in school. This is:

- The last two digits of the year of entry
- Followed by the first four letters of the surname
- Then the first letter of the first name (unless a duplicate exists)
- @phs.truelearning.org.uk

Example:

Craig Smith in Year 7 - Username: [20SmitC@phs.truelearning.org.uk](mailto:20SmitC@phs.truelearning.org.uk)

All students have their own password. If your child experiences problems in logging in to Google Classroom please email [remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will be happy to help.

## How can you help your child with learning through Google Classroom?

We would encourage you to talk to your child about their work and to support them if they have any questions. They can show you the work that they have been set and the additional resources available to them. Google Classroom is not, however, for communication between parents and teachers and if you have any questions please continue to direct them through the usual routes such as emailing [info@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@phs.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Guardians Information

In order to give you more information about your child's learning you will receive an email each week from Google Classroom giving you an overview of work set. You can choose to opt out of the email or change its frequency if you wish.

## How can students in Years 7-11 who are not in school use Google Classroom?

We know at the moment that there are a number of students who are working at home as they are self-isolating as a result of the track and trace process. If this is the case students will be invited to the self-isolation class for that year group. Once they accept this invitation and join the class they will be able to see work to complete for each subject. They only need to complete that work if they are off school. When they are back they will no longer be a member of that class.

Students will be added automatically but if for any reason that doesn't happen then please contact [remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will add them to the class.

While working at home students should continue to look at their normal classes for the home learning set to the students in school and they should attempt that work. If they have any questions they can email their normal teacher through Google Classroom.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful. We welcome any questions or feedback about our online learning. Please contact us by emailing [remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:remotelarning@phs.cheshire.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully

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