

During the period of remote learning, students will continue to cover new content as, unfortunately, there is unlikely to be sufficient time to re-teach all work covered during this time while still finishing examination courses upon return to school. We have put a lot of effort into creating online systems at very short notice which allow education to continue remotely for pupils.

There are three principles of the Biology curriculum for remote learning:

1. Work will be set which, as far as possible, takes students equivalent time to the lesson time they would have had. If work is taking significantly longer than this, it is likely that they have not understood the task and should ask for guidance through Google Classroom.
2. Work will be set as assignments on Google Classroom and should be submitted back to the assignment on completion. Work should not be emailed to teachers or posted to the main Google Classroom stream and work which is posted incorrectly will not receive feedback as remote teaching is challenging without having to check for work received across a mish-mash of different platforms/locations.
3. Students will receive feedback as per the departmental policy and should not expect feedback on every piece of work. However, your teachers will have a system in place (as described above) to check who has submitted their work even if it is not marked in any way. Students who do not complete work may receive an email reminder and/or be reported to their Head of Year.

Assessment will continue through Google Form assessments on a regular whole-school schedule, these will all be synoptic (covering everything from the start of the course to the current point). During the week of a Biology assessment, a single lesson's work will be provided as opposed to two and the remaining lesson time should be spent revising, taking the assessment and reflecting/ going over weak areas from the assessment.

We very much hope to get back to normal teaching and learning when it is safe to do so and would encourage all of our students to prioritise: their own physical health and that of their household, their mental health and their academic progress in this order. Please do get in touch with your teachers through Google Classroom if you need to about the work while considering that they may also be facing challenges due to the current situation and therefore, may not be able to immediately respond.

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