

Contextual Information for higher Education Providers (2021)

Covid-19 implications for current Year 13 cohort.

On Monday 23rd March William Brookes School Sixth Form closed to students due to Government guidelines.

Teaching staff were instructed to upload electronic teaching resources and voiceover narration PowerPoints via the platform Class Charts. Students were instructed to complete the learning tasks set. This remote learning reflected the 'normal timetable' hours of 4.5 hours per week, per subject. No live teaching took place at this time. Over the coming weeks training of staff allowed lessons to be delivered in some subjects via Microsoft Teams but this was dependent upon the personal circumstances of staff.

Students were invited into school for a total of 4 hours per subject for 'face to face' knowledge and retrieval session between 15 June and 17 July 2020. Students completed a 1-hour timed exam question as part of this face to face session. This was the only formal assessment set during this time.

Summer catchup programme was also offered to students, which consisted of a two-hour focussed revision session delivered live via Microsoft Teams. This session focussed on recapping subject content that had been set during the lockdown period. Students were also invited to 4 live career support sessions via Microsoft Teams.

The issues of a rural community where, without parental transport, students were unable to attend affected some of our students, together with any connectivity or hardware issues made this a difficult time for some. We have tried to support all of our students and maintain progress over this difficult lockdown period but it has created elements of inequality beyond our control.