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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know to support your son/daughter working from home the academy has created an online learning platform that is constantly updated with material for your child to work through. These are supplemented by links to additional learning, explore activities and Seneca online learning that your child can use to enrich and support the work set each week by teachers. Students also have the opportunity to receive specific feedback from teachers through the completion of assessments on the distance learning platform. These resources can all be accessed from the website, <https://solihull.graceacademy.org.uk/>, by clicking the "Distance Learning" button.

We were excited to welcome back year 10 and year 12 students who are now receiving education in school and we want to now offer live online lessons to years 7, 8 and 9 as well as the one hour in school 'face to face sessions' in the academy that we contacted you about earlier this week.

### **Live Online Lessons**

From next week we will be delivering live online English, maths and science lessons to students in years 7, 8 and 9. These live online lessons which students can access from home will give them an opportunity to work through material with direction from the teacher and to ask questions. During each of the three lessons there will be a question and answer session so that students can also ask about other distance learning activities.

We have considered at length the safety and privacy of your children and all concerned. These lessons will be broadcast on a live stream from a studio in the academy and there will be no video feed from your son/daughter's computer to either the school or other pupils, ensuring the picture is a one way system. Students will be able to interact with the teacher and ask questions by emailing [livelesson@graceacademy.org.uk](mailto:livelesson@graceacademy.org.uk) throughout each session; these messages are private so they do not need to be worried about other students seeing their questions.

The full timetable for these lessons can be found on the new "**Live Lessons**" section on the Distance Learning Online Platform which will be accessible from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June with the **first live online lessons delivered on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. As always to safeguard our students your son/daughter will need to access this with their school email address and password. If you have any issues please contact [help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com](mailto:help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com)

These live lessons, alongside the face-to-face session for pupils in these year groups, will continue to build on the robust work they are completing each week on the platform. As we have mentioned previously, if your child has any specific subject questions there are also contact details for key members of staff on the website.

As always thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in your child's distance learning during this difficult time. If you have any questions please contact the academy.

**Yours sincerely**

Mr D Gelder

**Principal- For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust**

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