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Dear Parents

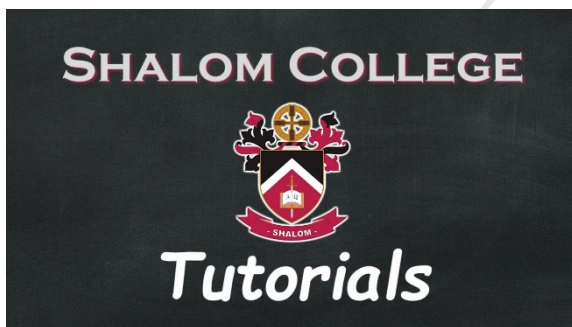
As you are very much aware, we will start on-line learning from next Monday January 31 for all of Year 11 & 12. Hopefully, we'll all be back face to face the following week.

SIA is a great platform for our students and all of our returning students will be very familiar with how it works. Teachers will run their on-line classes on Teams and distributing class work through SIA. To ensure that all is up and running and that we can have a smooth start on the 31st, we will have a Year 11 & 12 check-in via Teams with their English class on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Students will have access to their timetables via SIA. Thursday is Day 4 & Friday Day 5. I would ask that students log on at the start of their first timetabled English class (which includes Literature and Essential English). This will just make sure that students are familiar with processes, and all is working well from our end. This check-in won't take more than 15 minutes hopefully.

The link below will take students to a video tutorial reminding them how to use Teams.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GZ8RzAi7sk>



[Microsoft Teams](#)

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From next Monday, we will run our normal four lesson day. We won't do PC and rolls will be marked each lesson. As in 2020, we ask that students are prepared to work well and will be dressed in at least sports uniform and have a suitable space created at home that will enable them to work well. This will be an important week for all and we can't afford to lose anymore time in the year by not making a good start next week. Teachers won't be re-teaching work that is covered next week when we get back to face to face contact.

New students commencing in either Year 11 or 12 have already been contacted about attending face to face on Friday for orientation. This will include a digital bootcamp to ensure all are familiar with SIA and Teams.

Before the end of this week, I expect that every Year 11 & 12 student will receive a letter from each of their subject teachers with specific information for their subject. Could all students make sure that their inboxes are cleaned out so that emails don't bounce back?

A couple of families have contacted me concerned that there is no reliable internet connection available at home. If this is the case, we have capacity to have some Year 11 & 12 students come to Shalom next week and use our facilities. Please advise the office if this is an option you need to take up.

A couple of other reminders –

- The student free day on the calendar for Bishop's In-Service Day, February 18 will now be a normal school day (Day VI).
- Year 12 Induction scheduled for February 24 is now moved to March 10
- Photo day for all students is as per calendar – Tuesday February 8

I am sure that we will be able to get underway with senior studies on Monday. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other queries.

Kind regards



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