

Dear Parents/Carers

News update (Friday 8 January 2021)

Year 10 students - Tuesday 12 January 2021

In period 1 on Tuesday 12 January, instead of their normal timetabled lesson, Year 10 will be invited to a virtual Study Skills session led by the highly renowned Elevate team. This had been scheduled to occur in school prior to remote learning being reintroduced. We believe that the development of independent study skills is now more important than ever so we have worked with the providers to ensure our students still receive this training. Your child will receive a link to access this session and Maths teachers will be present to record attendance and reward excellent engagement.

Headteacher assembly

Please click [here](#) to view assembly

Computers and WIFI

In order to support your child's remote learning we are continuing to loan students a Chromebook. If your child is having to share a computer at home or does not have one please email caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk writing Computer Loan as the subject and we will arrange the loan of a Chromebook. A parent will need to sign the loan agreement and collect the device from school. If you do not have WIFI at home please email caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk writing WIFI as the subject and we will organise this for you.

Temporary increase in mobile data allowance

As you may have heard, the Government are working with mobile networks to offer temporary increases in data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This will allow other devices to connect to the internet via a mobile phone so children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted. We will send further information once we receive it but in the meantime, please read the BBC news link [here](#).

A free course to help parents help students

We have been notified of a free, online course to help parents support their child's remote learning. The content of this course covers tips and tricks for parents to direct, inspire and feel in control of a child's learning at home. It distils years of experience from teachers and headteachers who are also parents, into bite size videos with practical ideas and reflection points to develop with their children. No payment or code is needed simply follow the below link.

<https://www.guideeducation.co.uk/parentsupport>

Best wishes
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