

# AVONDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Letter 1: January Return to Teaching & Learning

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you have had a safe and restful Christmas break and have made the most of the few extra days' holidays given by the Department.

At this stage our priority is to resume quality teaching and learning and full engagement of all students. As you may be aware, the Department of Education has issued guidelines for schools as to how teaching and learning should take place during the coming weeks. The following is an outline of how students will engage with their teachers commencing from Monday 11th January.

All students will remain at home until the end of January and engage in online teaching and learning only. We would ask that parents (if possible) monitor and support student engagement in online learning to ensure a smooth and successful transition from classroom to home-based learning.

Online Teaching & Learning:

Students will follow their normal timetable. Teachers will engage with students via Microsoft Teams for their **exam subjects only** and some additional Wellbeing tasks will be uploaded for the other subject areas. Students have received training in Microsoft Teams at the beginning of the year and have become accustomed to using this platform on a regular basis throughout the year. Microsoft Teams is accessible via smart phone/tablet/desktop computer/ Xbox and Playstation games consoles (instructions included). Lessons will typically consist of a combination of the following:

- Recorded lesson segments
- Live streaming of lessons
- Uploaded accompanying documents such as explanatory notes, presentations, assignments, exam questions (this list is not exhaustive)

Students will be expected to submit all homework assigned by deadlines issued by teachers. Persistent failure to submit work will be followed up by Year Head/ Senior Management. If students have any issues with submission of work they should email the relevant teacher in relation to this.



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## Student Supports

Special Classes & SEN Students: A plan will be put in place to best support our students working from home with additional needs. Likewise the pastoral and guidance teams will be active and available to the students of Avondale Community College at this challenging time in their education/development. Students or parents should know that we are here to support in whatever capacity we can.

Parents/Students should notify school management if there are any concerns in relation to the delivery of online lessons.

If there are any further updates in relation to education provision, I will communicate same to parents/ students as necessary. In the meantime, take care, stay safe and hopefully we will all be back in school together in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Fitzgerald

Principal



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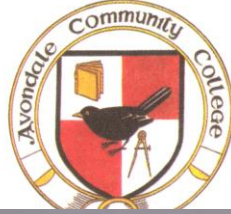
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## Using X Box or Play Station to access HWB

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

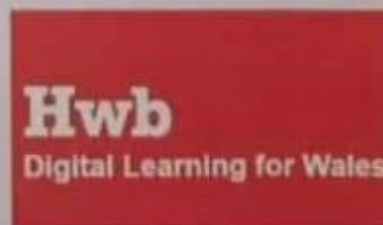
### X Box

1. Plug a key board in to the X box USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: HWB and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work through one drive and use key packages including:
  - Word
  - Teams
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
  - Your emails
6. To move around you use the X Box control or plug a mouse



### Play Station

1. Identify the Play Station internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PS4 logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type HWB into the browser and log in as you would in school
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