

November 16, 2020

Good Afternoon Parents/Guardians and Students,

As we approach the end of Quadmester 1, we wanted to provide a brief update before moving into Quadmester 2. First however, I want to thank you for your patience as we moved to the adapted way of learning in the opening months of school. Your flexibility during this time has helped to ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

As you may recall, students who are switching from in-person to virtual learning in Quadmester 2 will receive virtual (at home) instruction through their local, in-person school, and not through the Virtual School. This decision was made to maintain as much stability as possible in our schools, avoid a significant reorganization of staff, students and classes, and ensure that students continue to have access to the courses they want and need.

Over the past couple of weeks, the administrators and teachers at our school have been working together to determine the specific models that work best, given the course selection and enrolment data at our school. These models will be finalized shortly and I will share more specific information with you early next week.

The models being considered are:

- Classes that are either fully virtual or fully in-school
- Combining with students from another school to ensure access to a variety of courses
- Simultaneous learning which would see teachers teaching both in-person and virtual students at the same time

While this will primarily impact students who are switching to virtual learning, students who are continuing in-person learning may also notice some changes. They may notice their teachers will be teaching students online at the same time. For others, this may open up possible opportunities — both in-person and virtual — for greater course availability.

Secondary teachers have been teaching virtually for part of the day since the start of the school year. However, please know that secondary teachers will continue to receive ongoing training and technological assistance to support the switch to virtual learning offered through our school.

As I mentioned above, we will provide more information on the final models chosen for your courses next week, along with your Quadmester 2 timetable.

Should you have any additional questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Sincerely,



N. Aloise
Principal