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RE: REMOTE LEARNING

As per the communication from Mrs W Ainsworth earlier today, I am writing to you as regards the College approach to remote learning during this local outbreak of coronavirus at the College. Our aim is to provide remote education that is high quality and aligns as closely as possible with the current College curriculum and provision.

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning. This letter explains our plans for remote learning during the next few days. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

Staff will set work on **Show My Homework** in line with normal timetabled lessons there will be clear expectations and instructions linked to each piece of work. We are trying to ensure there is sufficient work without overwhelming students. A number of online learning platforms will be used for all work shared, e.g., Google Classroom, Kerboodle, MathsWatch, Sparx, Active Learn, etc.





The Oak National Academy is an online classroom made by teachers, for teachers. They provide free, high-quality video lessons and resources which are available throughout 2020/21. During these uncertain times, they are here to support every teacher, as they support every pupil and parent. Should our parents wish to browse the 10,000 free video lessons, resources and activities, please click here.

Some colleagues may delivery a 'live lesson' using the Google Meet or Zoom platform. If your child participates in a 'live lesson', it is important that students:

- Do not share links to online/live lessons on public platforms such as social media or with anyone who is not intended to be invited to the lesson.
- Do not share their screen during a live lesson, unless they are invited to do so by the teacher and that they ensure that there is no inappropriate, personal or confidential information visible.
- Ensure that they are dressed appropriately for online lessons for which webcams are in use.
- Ensure there are no inappropriate images/posters in the background for online lessons.
- Ensure computers are in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms.
- Recognise that they are bound by the same expectations of behaviour as would be expected in College including, but not limited to using appropriate language and treating others with respect.













 Agree not to make audio/video recordings or take screenshots of staff or students during live or pre-recorded lessons.

The College website has a dedicated area to support pupils and parents/carers with remote education – click here.

We would also ask that students check their College email frequently as there may be subject, College or pastoral messages they need to look at.





We are delighted to announce that the College has recently invested in GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: every Pod is mapped to an exam board, and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and

annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists. We were due to launch this product to parents/carers and students during the week commencing Monday 23 November but will this week do a virtual launch to students in Year 11 on Tuesday 17 November at 9am – details on how to join this meeting will be circulated via College email.

It's important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to their timetable. We appreciate that this situation may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

We wouldn't expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But, it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what work they've done.

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Yours Faithfully,

Charlotte Campbell

Vice Principal