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Dear Parent / Carer

Home Learning – Next Steps

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well.

Following on from the Government announcement that only Year 10 students will return before the summer break, I write to you today to update you on the next steps we will be taking with our home learning offering for students in years 7-9.

In the initial stages of school closure, we provided resources and lessons through our online work platform. We also created subject specific email addresses for students to communicate with teachers and ask questions about their work. Whilst we are extremely proud of how quickly our teachers were able to create and upload work and also how well our students have responded to the completion of this work, we now feel it is time to take our online learning to the next level. I am therefore, delighted to inform you about two new incentives that we will be implementing after May half term:

1) From Monday, 1 June 2020, all subject areas will now use Google Classrooms* alongside the online resources, to allow students to send work that needs to be returned to the teacher for feedback. This will also become the means by which students will communicate and ask questions to their own teachers. Lessons will still be available from the same online area – this platform will simply assist in submission of work and communication.

2) From Monday, 8 June 2020, all subject areas will be uploading recorded lessons for students to view. Whilst it will not be possible for all lessons to be completed in this way, it is our hope that students will access at least one lesson in this format per day. These lessons will be uploaded into the current work area, alongside their other online work.

*Google Classrooms is a platform that is already in place in school and used by a number of subjects. Your child may already be familiar with this, however, if they are not, students will be able to find a 'student friendly' guide as to how they can access and use the platform in their online work area immediately after half term.

I hope that you will agree, that whilst still not the same as face to face lessons, these steps will further enhance our offering and hopefully offer your child a greater level of engagement in their home learning.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully



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