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Year 7-10 Remote Learning

Dear students, parents and carers,

Once again welcome back. It's definitely been an unusual way to start the new term, but we want to say a huge well done on adapting to your remote learning. Continuing your curriculum remains our priority right now, as we start this new term. We appreciate your efforts and engagement as we all find our new way of working. In just 4 days, you received 23,292 positives on ClassCharts and we are so proud of how well you are adapting to remote learning.

Teachers are working hard to provide high quality remote learning to continue your progression through the curriculum. We want to make sure we are providing you with the right support to help you learn at home. Please refer to the attached 'FAQs' document for technical support while accessing your remote lessons on Teams and resources on our other platforms, such as Showbie. It is particularly important that you ensure you have enabled all updates on your iPad so you can use the new features on Microsoft Teams; you will find how to enable updates in the FAQs document.

We continue to track engagement with online work and monitor attendance to live lessons through ClassCharts so please ensure that you are attending all lessons on time and meeting deadlines with work. There are now three buttons that your teachers will use to monitor your attendance at live lessons, your engagement with the work and your behaviour. Since we are unable to be with you face-to-face, we have a duty of care to monitor your engagement. We will of course continue to use the many positives to reward your hard work and effort, as is always the case.

Please also see the attached 'Code of Conduct' for remote learning. Teachers and students have a shared responsibility to establish and maintain a positive and supportive online learning environment so please read it carefully. We know the vast majority of you are already meeting these expectations, so thank you.

The most important thing for you to think about right now is continuing with your curriculum across all subjects by engaging with remote learning, working hard and looking after your wellbeing. This will of course help you progress into future study.

For now, the message is what it has always been: please look after your wellbeing. We want you to be happy, productive, work hard and enjoy your learning. For advice on how to practise self-care, please refer to the Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Toolkit which can be found on Showbie (in your 'Personal Development Folder', see: 'A Guide to Well-being'). You will receive a further communication about exciting Personal Development opportunities that are open to you during this remote period. Please also refer to our Covid Support and Resources section of our school website [here](#).

We look forward to writing to you again. For now, continue your hard work and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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