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**Dear Students and Parents** 

## Remote Learning Update - Years 10-13

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we've all found our way through this past week and back to virtual learning. I hope that by now, you have been able to access your learning and feel that you understand how things should work and what is expected of you.

To clarify things from our perspective, I thought it would be helpful to just outline how we plan to work with you over the coming weeks. For students in years 10-13, there will be live input for most lessons and you should complete work and lessons in accordance with your normal timetable. All work and live input will be accessed via your Microsoft Teams account. Live input will take different forms and will be varied to support both student and teachers in relation to the amount of screen time they are exposed to. Examples will include: full lesson with teacher on screen, teacher input for a period of time and then work set for students to complete, teacher check-ins at various points during the lesson etc. When staff are not live on screen, they will be available to answer questions during the timetabled lesson. Normally this will be via the chat function for the lesson, but staff will let students know the best way to contact them. The exception around live input may be in vocational courses where particular coursework tasks require students to work independently over a number of hours. Staff will still be available to contact during timetabled lessons should students require support.

In terms of submitting work and getting feedback, this will be done in accordance with departmental policy so individual staff members will explain their expectations. If you have any problems around this, please do contact the subject teacher in the first instance.

We are currently undertaking the task of collating student exercise books and will contact you to update you on when, where and how these can be collected.

In the meantime, we wish you all well. School is a very strange place without the usual buzz of students around the place, but we look forward to welcoming you all back in the not too distant future and hope that when we do, you feel ready and equipped to continue with your learning. To do this, engaging with your remote learning is paramount. If you have any problems or concerns in relation to accessing work in general, please do let us know. Sending best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,

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