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To: Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very impressed by some of the exceptional work submitted by students, the level of detail and creative work received from many of our students is fantastic.

Please be aware that we are very much focused on continuing to provide a high standard of education for every child throughout this time, and we are working to support our Year 10 students at this time. We acknowledge the unprecedented times that we are all currently living through and the health and wellbeing of our students and families remains our number one priority. Home circumstances are different from student to student and routines for students and families will vary from household to household.

We fully appreciate that working at home is not the same as being taught at the academy and that some of the work might be difficult to complete without the delivery of a teacher. Whilst this might be the case we do expect students to try their best and work through the difficulties. We have provided guidance and suggestions to support with this, this can be accessed on our website or via your child's year group Google Classroom. Students can contact their teachers via email for support. We expect students to have a go. Whilst this is an expectation of all students, it is particularly important for Year 10 - we do not know what GCSEs will look like next year but it is likely there will be exams to sit and the learning blocks teachers are setting now may be assessed in those exams – the efforts that are being put in now will stand students in good stead for next year.

Teaching staff are disappointed when work is not submitted as this doesn't reflect the work ethic that we know and expect of our students. Teachers will support any emails asking for help or any discussions regarding submission.

If there are problems you would like to discuss or you are concerned that your child is not engaging with their work, please contact your child's tutor, Mrs Williamson (Head of Year 10) or myself.

Please do continue to access advice and guidance on our website. Please do talk through the work with your child and review what is set via Edulink and Google Classroom and ensure it is submitted. We appreciate that the current circumstances bring challenges for everyone and we are here to support during this time.

Yours sincerely

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