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Dear Year 11

Next Steps for Year 11

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I have enjoyed speaking with many of you recently and getting to know you a little better.

As an inclusive community School, we are committed more than ever in supporting every student in their next steps, beyond completing their courses. The table below is a schedule of teaching and learning on offer for all Year 11 students, until the end of the summer term.

As of this week, we are implementing some changes to your learning. Your first priority is to complete all of your courses and file away all of your learning resources. We are aware that some courses will finish earlier than others, so we cannot insist on a strict cut off point.

With three weeks to go until half term, you now need to switch your attention to completing work from the Year 11 learning grid. The learning grid will be shared on the School website and in your subject Google Classrooms. Each subject has organised for five tasks that round off all courses and offer quality enrichment in the subject. There are also online revision resources, study skills and careers activities on offer for you to complete. After half term, we will turn our focus towards supporting you in preparing for courses you may begin in September.

Year 11 Learning expectations	
<p>w/c 4 May Learning grid work to begin in subjects where the course is complete.</p>	<p>Students complete learning grid tasks - choice of 5 tasks in all subjects. There will also be study skills and Careers tasks to choose from as well. The study skills tasks will enhance and develop skills needed for new courses that begin in September. There are optional Careers tasks available for students to find more about their future career options. There are also 5 endorsed online revision websites. For students who would like to continue to revise for subjects they wish to pursue in September. We recognise that if students do not use their working memory, they will forget a great deal of information.</p>
<p>w/c 11 May Learning grid work continues</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>w/c 18 May Students will continue with Year 11 learning grid work, around the Sixth Form taster sessions.</p>	<p>Students will need to plan ahead with their time management this week. The learning grid work is still available to complete this week, around the Sixth Form taster sessions.</p>

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Sixth Form taster sessions	Students attend Sixth Form taster sessions this week. We encourage students to attend subject taster sessions in all subjects they are interested in studying in the Sixth Form, even if they are joining another Sixth Form or College.
w/c 25 May HALF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSED	
w/c 1 June Repeat of Sixth Form taster sessions	Students will again need to plan ahead with their time management this week. The learning grid work will still be available to complete this week, around the Sixth Form taster sessions.
Confirmation of Sixth Form place at The Buckingham School	We will be confirming by the end of the week who will be offered a place in our Sixth Form in September.
w/c 8 June until the end of term	Students will be able to attend one lesson online per week and carry out independent work in the subjects chosen to study in the Sixth Form. Learning will centre around bridging work from L2 to L3 courses. The work is designed to support students in making up for lost revision opportunities due to school closure and getting a head start in the skills and knowledge required to successfully begin their courses in September. We encourage students to attend the bridging sessions during this half term, even if they are joining another Sixth Form or College. On occasion a student may change their mind about their subject choices in September and we would not want students to miss out on making informed decisions about their next steps in education. Students who are deciding between two subjects in Sixth Form will be encouraged to attend both subjects' online sessions to help them decide which one to pursue in September.

Year 11 Assembly:

On Wednesday 6th May at 2.30pm, all Year 11 are required to attend an assembly via Google Meet with Miss Keeping and myself. The Google Meet code for the assembly is: year11assembly

Year 11 Careers drop in:

Mr Cunningham is hosting a Google Meet session on careers guidance on Thursday 7th May at 2pm. This session is on offer for students who have questions about what to do when applying for Colleges, Sixth Forms, apprenticeships and employment. The Google Meet code is: careers1

We look forward to seeing you all in the assembly on Thursday.

With my best wishes

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