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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11

Mr Beere has written to you with his recommendations for effective support for your home-schooling missions. I know this is a new experience for a lot of us. From today, the senior leadership team are on-site on a weekly rota basis, so this has been my first day of home-schooling my own children, while working from home.

The importance of us ensuring our children continue to work at home is critical to their education. Indeed, our role as parents/carers in our children's education has never been more important than now and probably never will be again.

I know it may be difficult to motivate your Year 11 child to work. My eldest daughter is in Year 11, so I know exactly how upset they were and you felt last week when it was announced that our children would not have the opportunity to take the qualifications for which they had been preparing for so long. In the Year 11 assembly last week, I discussed the importance of continuing with their curriculum to become knowledgeable and well-informed young people whilst maintaining good learning habits in preparation for the next stage of their education or training. I had the same conversation with my daughter as well. She is working well from home, although I did threaten to confiscate her phone earlier!

Miss Lissoni is currently contacting the local post-16 colleges to identify some preparation work that our students can undertake ahead of September. Whilst it is important to follow the work that teachers have set on SMHW, we recognise that it would be beneficial to start looking ahead to their new courses as well.

Since I wrote to you last Friday, we have heard no more detail about the assessment for Year 11 and as soon as the information is released by the Department for Education and Ofqual, I will let you know.

In the meantime, good luck with the home-schooling.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher