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Dear Students

Continuing your studies and catching up Y10 and Y12

Firstly, I hope you are all safe and well and that your families are too.

I wanted to write to you because there are lots of different things being reported in the news and on social media about what will happen when students come back to school. It's not very helpful sometimes when this happens, and can cause quite a bit of worry to some students. One of the main areas being reported currently is with regards to exams and changes to syllabus. Currently, we do **not** expect that either the GCSE or A-level or BTEC syllabus will change. This means, that although many hours of learning in school have been lost, **the exam boards will still set the same type of exams in summer 2021.**

So what does this mean for you? There are two key things here:

1. Continuing to learn now, at home
2. What will change when you come back to school

We are, of course, in the process of planning for when we see you all again and very much looking forward to when we can get back to some kind of normality. When you come back to school and have settled in once again, we will be setting an exam week for you. The reason for this is because we need to know exactly where you are with your learning, so that we can maintain a continuity of learning for you all, start to plug the gaps as quickly as possible and therefore make sure you are properly prepared for your exams in 2021.

Each exam board specifies the number of recommended 'learning hours' needed to complete a syllabus. Lock-down has meant that a number of these hours have been lost and we need to find a way to make up both for the time lost, and the learning that still needs to happen. If there is any change to exam syllabuses, we will, of course let you know. In the meantime, we are looking at ways to make up for the time that has been lost and once these plans are finalised, we will let you know. This will definitely have to include more time in school to make up for lost learning; however, any plans we make are always made with you in mind and we will do everything we can to support you.

All the teachers and support staff at Central are doing their very best to maintain the highest standards of education possible by setting and marking work, providing resources and being available to you all to support on a one to one level where necessary. It is important that you understand that for teachers, this often involves many hours to create resources, research websites, download and upload work and so on – as well as looking after their own families at this time. This is all for your benefit.



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Therefore, it is absolutely essential that you engage with the work that is set. If you do not understand it, please contact your teachers. The next few weeks'/months' teaching and learning cannot be repeated at some point later on – there is no 'later on'. This means that you really must make the most of this remote learning time and keep on top of the work that is being set, using the timetable set up for you on Teams. You should be doing up to 5 hours of school work per day, however you decide to structure this. Again, this suggested amount of time is for your benefit and is to help minimise the learning that will be lost.

You must also make sure that you are meeting the deadlines that are set with each piece of work. This allows teachers to mark in a timely way and to give you feedback. If there are any problems at all with accessing work, please let us know and we will do our best to sort out an alternative for you.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all soon.

With warm wishes

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'C Bacon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss C Bacon
Principal