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Dear Parents / Carers

YEAR 10 SUMMER LEARNING

I am writing to outline our plans to continue to set home learning through the summer holiday. This will be for Year 10 students only.

We have not yet received any updates or guidance around the arrangement for GCSE examination in the next academic year. At present, it appears that exam boards will continue with a normal exam season, although possibly with exams taking place slightly later than usual and starting in July instead of May. This however has not yet been confirmed. As soon as we have any further information we will update you on this.

On 15th June we were given permission by DfE to welcome Year 10 students back into the academy. However, strict limits were placed on the numbers of students allowed in the building. Although Year 10 students are now able to receive some face-to-face sessions with their teachers we understand that this is no substitute for the frequency of teaching and learning time they would receive under normal circumstances.

With that in mind, we want to facilitate continued home learning for Year 10 students over the summer break. We will set a slightly reduced amount of home learning each week on Google Classroom for the 6 weeks.

In weeks 1, 3 and 5, one piece of English, Maths, Science and either PE/Dance or Citizenship depending upon what students have selected will be set, and in weeks 2, 4 and 6 one piece of work for Option A, B, C.

To ensure we provide our Year 10 students with every learning opportunity possible we need them to complete this and 'turn it in' (hand it in) using Google Classrooms to their

class teacher. Our curriculum and teaching planning for September will assume this is done; any students not completing this will find themselves at a disadvantage.

In terms of arrangements for September no further guidance has yet been issued. The announcement at the weekend laid out the government's intention to have all students back in school. Details will be sent in the next couple of weeks as to how I am to do this safely.

If permitted by the DfE, I will prioritise Year 11 for days in school and my ambition is to get those students in every day, as soon as I am allowed.

Finally, I would encourage you to send students in for their one day face-to-face learning offer. Students who have attended feel safe and have been positive about the experience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Quirk'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a distinct 'Q'.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher