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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support with remote learning and for the recent feedback provided. In light of the feedback provided by yourselves, students and staff, alongside the recent government focus on the mental health of students we have adapted our provision for the last week of term. Two of the key pieces of feedback that we have received are around the fact that some students are becoming overwhelmed with the quantity of work and that many students are struggling with the quantity of 'screen time' undertaken each day.

Consolidation Day

Wednesday 10th February will be a consolidation day for students. There will be no live lessons set on this day. Instead each department will produce a checklist of work/key questions (for each year group) that the students should be able to answer in order to be able to successfully progress with their learning next half term. Students should use these resources to ensure that they are fully up to date with the key learning required this half term.

There will be some cross curricular extension activities available for students who are up to date with their learning. Where possible these will not involve additional screen time, and are optional for students. We believe that this will provide students with the opportunity to consolidate their learning and/or extend themselves further through the activities provided. It is important that all students are up to date with this consolidation to ensure that they have the key building blocks in place for next term.

In preparation for the consolidation day we have reviewed the engagement of all students in remote learning. Parents/careers should already be aware if there are concerns, but we will be in touch early next week if a further concern has been identified through this review. This will coincide with the publication of the remote learning consolidation work to be undertaken on Wednesday 10th February as needed.

Teams Invites

We have been made aware by some students that not all Teams invites are showing in their calendar. Having researched this further it seems that this is an issue that Microsoft are aware of and are working on. In the meantime, however, staff will double check invites, but please ask your son/daughter to get in touch with their teacher if they are missing an expected 'live lesson'.

Please remember that there will be no live lessons delivered when staff are in school supporting students.

Yours sincerely

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