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Dear Parents, Carers,

Students Remote Learning at home this past week

I would just like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the Year 11s for managing their time positively this week on Wednesday and Thursday remote learning at home. I hope the opportunity to focus on their revision, test their revision timetable and implement the strategies they have been working on independently was beneficial and worked well.

Careers

105 Year 11 students have recorded that they have an offer for September for their chosen destination. We would really encourage your child to complete this by clicking on the form [here](#) as this is now a statutory requirement.

Whole School Literacy

Recently, Mr Taylor (who has strategic leadership of whole-school literacy) has been in to the assemblies across all year groups and colleges to promote student awareness around our school's definition of literacy. This is an holistic definition summarised as:

1. 4 modes of language: reading, writing, speaking, listening
2. 3 levels of language: word, sentence and text level

He illustrated to students the sort of things which this entails across the curriculum. For example:

- teaching technical terms awareness as a word level skill
- offering sentence starters to support confidence and ability in verbal and written communications
- provision of scaffolds for constructing essays or showcasing decoding practices to understand the reading of whole texts

There is explicit in-class branding so students see the connectivity and coordination across the curriculum as it is important to reinforce these skills and knowledge bases which are so crucial to all subjects.

To raise awareness, he is also looking to develop a website page.

Kind regards

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