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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that the return to school has been positive for your child/ren. We have enjoyed welcoming them back into the classrooms.

We thought that this would be a good time to provide you with information about what we are doing to support the students with their return to face-to-face teaching.

Personalised Learning Checklists: Map, Master, Forward

Each subject has used Personalised Learning Checklists (PLC) to empower the students to map where their learning is at. Using retrieval activities of learning that has taken place from September and during remote learning, students demonstrate what they have securely grasped and which areas they need to strengthen. This is in a low-threat and low-stakes environment, and does not contribute to an assessment grade. It is instead used for teachers to plan lessons that focus on the topics which would benefit from being revised. This is a useful strategy as it empowers the students to know for themselves which areas they are most successful with, and which areas they would benefit from using tools, such as Knowledge Organisers, to revisit.

Once the PLC has been completed, students then focus on three key areas to strengthen. Using support in lesson, and using Knowledge Organisers, the students then focus on this identified content and master the learning through focused study. Once this knowledge is secured, children then move onto the next sequence of learning with the threshold concepts embedded so that they can learn new content successfully.

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Transparency with the Curriculum: Big Picture Learning Journeys

Each lesson, students are shown where they are at in their learning journey. This will be identifying at KS3 where they are at within a topic and at KS4-5 this will be where they are at within an examination specification and particular topic. This helps to reassure the students as they can see exactly what content has been covered and what is part of the next sequence of learning. They can also make connections between what has been studied and what is to be studied, so that they see the knowledge as one interlinking narrative.



Motivational Language

Our students were engaged in learning throughout the period of lockdown. When discussing learning, staff are very mindful to use motivational language that reassures the students about the learning that has taken place and their current progress, and helps to reduce anxiety they might be feeling.



We hope that this letter has provided information as to how we are ensuring that your child/ren returns to face-to-face teaching successfully.

Yours faithfully,

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