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Re: MKn/LT

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Dear Parents

In what are challenging circumstances, the students and parents of the Smithdon community have remained upbeat and positive with regards to home learning and student outcomes.

Whilst year 7-10 students engage with the curriculum at home, year 11 students should now be giving consideration to their next steps. Colleges and sixth form institutions are now contacting students and parents with regards to expectations from this point on. It is vitally important that students maintain as much momentum as possible in the summer term and endeavour to make progress with independent research, reading materials, and summer tasks where completion will be expected.

As per government guidelines, the students that do not achieve a grade 4 in English or Mathematics will be expected to continue with these subjects from September. I therefore strongly encourage our year 11 students to continue to study English and Mathematics during this time. Maintaining a good level of understanding in these subjects will not only ensure a solid foundation for future learning in September, it will also give the best opportunity for students to pass future examinations in English and Mathematics should any retakes be required.

To support with this, we have asked that both Ms Wright (Head of English) and Mrs Evans (Head of Mathematics) submit work onto Show My Homework to facilitate home learning. Alongside this, I have provided a list of useful websites (see overleaf) to support student understanding should any further guidance be required. Please ensure that your child sets aside an appropriate amount of time each week for this work to take place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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KS4 Outcomes



| Useful resources for Mathematics | |
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| Hegartymaths | https://hegartymaths.com/ |
| Jaggersmaths | https://www.jaggersmaths.co.uk/youtube-tutorials |
| Corbettmaths | https://corbettmaths.com/ |
| Maths Genie | https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html |
| Useful resources for English | |
| Skills You Need (Essay Writing) | https://www.skillsyouneed.com/learn/essay-writing.html |
| Eduqas | https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=11&lvlId=2 |
| Useful websites for both English and Mathematics | |
| GCSEPOD | https://www.gcsepod.com/ |
| GCSE Bitesize | https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3 |
| Oak National Academy | https://www.thenational.academy/ |
| Reading task | Students should try to read 2 books per month either fiction or non-fiction |