

Friday, May 22, 2020

RE: Year 11 – Home Learning

Dear Parent/Carer and Year 11 pupils

As we approach half term it seemed a good time to write to you all again. I hope that you are all well and have settled into the 'new normal' whilst taking advantage of the relaxing of lockdown to get out and enjoy the sunshine as much as possible.

We have made the decision that we will no longer provide specific online learning for Year 11 after half term. Year 11 would have been in the middle of their GCSE Examinations during this period and it seems a sensible point for us to stop providing work. This does not mean that the pastoral team is not available to offer any support or guidance that you or your child requires. We would encourage you to contact the school straight away with any concerns.

We do urge any pupils that believe that they may want to sit examinations in the autumn series, especially those that are a borderline pass, continue to study and revise. Treat this half term as study leave. Utilize Sam Learning and BBC Bitesize as much as possible as the extra revision will make a significant difference to your outcomes if you sit the autumn series examinations.

Sam Learning also has A level and Level 3 vocational course material available. It is a great opportunity to get ahead in your subjects and start preparing for your next stage of learning. Many of the colleges are already sending out information to their prospective September 2020 students and links to online courses and preparation to ensure that the transition is as smooth as it can be. Mrs Leonard, Careers and Employer Engagement Officer, will be forwarding any relevant information that we are sent to us at GTS. Again, I would urge pupils to engage in these programs as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Jacqui Royce
Deputy Head Teacher.