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Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 7 & 8 – Update to Learning Provision

As promised, I wanted to write to update you on our education provision for students after half term. Following on from recent announcements, it is currently clear that secondary schools may only open for Years 10 and 12 before the summer break and as a result we have reviewed the provision for Year 7 and Year 8. Please note - this is subject to changes in Government guidance.

The project work set this half term has seen very positive feedback from parents and students alike and we believe it has been a valuable learning process for students, not only for the subject knowledge they have gained but also study skills such as research and independence which will benefit them in their later studies. I am, however, fully aware that this provision is not sustainable as a long term plan on its own and so post half-term the delivery of learning in Foundation will change to embed more direct instruction from teachers at Maiden Erlegh School, particularly in core subjects. We are also taking into account the feedback received about the time it requires to complete certain activities.

After half term, students will follow a timetable of work which is shown below and, in line with your feedback, work will be uploaded the evening before by 5pm to help you plan ahead with your child wherever possible. Please note – should staff absence occur, this may not be possible. In addition, we have extended the timeframe for chasing work overdue and more importantly designed the process of 'exit tasks' which help students and teachers assess their learning. This process should also help to reduce the amount of work required to be uploaded to Google Classroom.

The timetable for after half term is below:

	Year 7				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Maths	English	Maths	Language	Maths
2	English	Science	Language	English	Science
3	Geography	History	RP	Drama	Music
4	Art	PE	Technology	ICT	PSHE


	Year 8				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	English	Maths	Language	Maths	English
2	Science	Language	English	Science	Maths
3	History	RP	Drama	Music	Geography
4	ICT	Art	PE	Technology	PSHE

Maths, English, Science and MFL will publish lessons of 45 minute duration and during the course of the week there will be some direct instruction from teachers including resources such as voiced over PowerPoints. This will then allow students to complete activities on their learning. Other subjects have the option to deliver one 45 minute lesson per week or a 3 week project consisting of 2hrs 15 work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Morgan. Please can I ask that you share this with your child and we will also provide information about this on their Year group Google classroom page.

I hope you and your families are staying safe and well and thank you for continuing to support us throughout this unprecedented period.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Gibson', with a flourish at the end.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher