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Dear Parent/Carer

## On line assessment

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. As you will know the Academy has been working extremely hard in ensuring we provide a meaningful and tailored learning experience for your child. I am extremely pleased to say that the vast majority of students have taken up the distance learning opportunities.

As we now seem to be moving into the next stage of the current situation, the continuation of your child's education is paramount to ensure we can continue with the progress when they return. We would encourage you to motivate your child to log on and access the wealth of resources that are available. If they haven't been on for a week or so they will notice a wide range of new and engaging materials on there. The majority of these have been designed by their teachers who know how your child best learns.

To compliment these resources, we have also invested in a mobile phone friendly resource called SENECA. This allows for learning and testing on any type of device at any time, and is specifically related to the courses and subjects your child is studying at the Academy. More details on how to access this resource can be found on the distance learning section of the website under the title SENECA.

To enable us to prepare for the eventual return to some form of normality in education, it is vital that we carry out an assessment of your child's learning. This will allow us to make key decisions about progress, grades and allow us to tailor our approach in supporting your child's education. These assessments will be marked and teacher feedback will be given to your child to enhance their learning. The assessments will cover the core subjects of Maths, English, Science, Humanities and MFL.

The assessments will be located in the subject folders in the distance learning area of the school website and accessed in the same way that students have been accessing teaching materials.

I can not stress enough the importance of these assessments in supporting your child's progress. As always we look for your support and encouragement in helping us to provide the best education we can under the current circumstances.

If you have any questions please contact your child's head of year in the first instance. Once again thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder **Principal** 



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