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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support with engaging your child in remote learning, which has been greatly successful. We are currently seeing on average 96% of students accessing the remote learning platform and a high number of students completing progress checks and receiving weekly feedback from subject experts. We would appreciate your continued assistance with this as we approach half term.

In addition to the wide range of well-being specific student support available from the academy, both in person and online, we are introducing a **live Google Meet tutor session**. These sessions will last for 10 minutes, will be led by a member of staff from the ethos team, and will give students the chance to ask any questions about that week's assembly topic, which are focused around supporting your child during lock down. This will also be a chance for your child to speak to a member of staff directly and allow students to interact and engage with their Tutor group peers.

These sessions will form part of their normal timetabled day and students will also be able to see and be seen by the teacher, as well as by the rest of their class. This will continue to help them to feel connected with the academy and their peers.

As always, we expect the highest standards of behaviour during these sessions and therefore have outlined what we expect from students below, and how you can support them with this:

As a Pupil you should:

- **Behave and show respect for others as you would during assemblies or lessons in school.**
- **Always conduct a meeting in an open space and with a blank wall behind you.**
- **Only communicate through the live Google Meet chat function or the school email.**
- **Follow the teacher's instructions at all times.**
- **Not discuss personal matters in the live sessions.**
- **Wear appropriate clothing as you are not expected to wear school uniform. Acceptable clothing includes a full length top and leggings/tracksuit bottoms/jeans.**
- **Make sure you mute yourself if you don't need to speak and use the 'raise hand' option if you want to ask a question or speak.**
- **Enjoy the session and ensure you make the effort to engage with your camera turned on – we know this is daunting but is proven to have positive benefits and will only be for a short time, while a register is taken.**

As a Parent you should:

- **Try to ensure there is a safe space for your child to use, where you can monitor and support their live tutor session.**
- **Support the behaviour during the session so that the experience is positive for all students.**
- **Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the session.**
- **Make sure other family members are not visible on camera at any time.**

We are looking to commence these weekly live tutor sessions from next week, and have detailed below the start times for them:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.20pm- 2.30pm	7A	8A	10A	11A	9A
2.35pm- 2.45pm	7B	8B	10B	11B	9B
2.50pm- 3.00pm	7C	8C	10C	11C	9C
3.05pm- 3.15pm	7D	8D	10D	11D	9D
3.20pm-3.30pm	7E	8E	10E	11E	9E
3.35pm- 3.45pm	7F	8F	10F	11F	9F
3.50pm- 4.00pm	7G	8G	10G		9G

Joining instructions:

1. Your child will be sent an email with a link to join the live tutor session.
2. Your child will need to click on that link 5 minutes before the start time of their session (please see above for times).
3. The teacher will admit students just before the tutor session is about to start.
4. Students should ensure their microphones are on mute while they wait to join the session but keep their cameras on.

If your child has any technical difficulties with joining these sessions, please contact us via help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com

We look forward to seeing the students at their weekly sessions and hope that they take advantage of this opportunity to spend some time with their peers.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Godwin
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