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Dear Parents/Carers

Can I thank you for supporting your children and the school in encouraging their engagement with learning at this time. We are committed to ensuring that our students have access to their studies over the next few weeks. I am pleased to see that after two days of providing remote learning to your son/daughter via Show My Homework, 416 pieces of work have been uploaded by teachers and 970 students have accessed this work.

It has been noted nationally that the demand placed on Show My Homework and other platforms has resulted in some unavailability. We would be grateful if you could encourage your son/daughter to be patient during these times and, if needed, to login a little later in the day.

Teachers will continue to set the work on an allocated day each week for their subject, so your son/daughter should login each morning to see the work that has been set for that day. We recognise that currently some of the work that has been set has not taken the allocated time to complete. Teachers have been asked to review their practice to resolve this issue. I would also like to clarify the situation regarding submission of work. You son/daughter may have received tasks that indicated that their work should be submitted 'in class', as this is the default position on Show My Homework, however we obviously do not require students to send work into school.

Some tasks will be set requesting on-line submission. Where possible we would like students to upload their work so that their teacher can provide some feedback on the progress that they have made. In addition, some work is set as quizzes or assignments that are automatically marked and which provides students with prompt feedback. We are encouraging teachers to provide a blend of activities to stimulate students.

After Easter, we will be making provision for Y11 students, who are planning on joining us in our 6th Form, to be provided with 'bridging' work that will support their transition to A Levels. Further information will be circulated when this is made available.

Teachers are eager to support the students and they will monitor Show My Homework each day. If your son/daughter has a query regarding the work set, they can leave a message for their teacher on their homework task by clicking on the Result tab. It is important to recognise that this is an unprecedented time in education and that whilst our teachers are determined to provide stability to their students, there may be occasions over the coming weeks where their personal circumstances may result in them being unable to set work. Heads of Department will endeavor to ensure that learning is still provided for students but I would like to request your understanding and patience at these times. If you have any queries regarding Show My Homework please contact Mr Styles via email on k.styles@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk or click on the links below:

https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/collections/1695417-students https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/collections/1695420-parents

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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