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Dear Year 12 Students and their Parents/Carers

Having now had nearly two weeks out of school, I just wanted to clarify SM6's expectations regarding remote learning and our position with regards to reporting home.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your resolve and efforts over the past week or so. Generally, the feedback from staff has been very positive about the maturity with which students have approached remote learning. However, it is imperative that students continue to complete the work set via SMC Study to the very best of their ability and in a timely manner. We strongly urge students to continue to follow their normal timetable as far as is possible. It is really important that students don't become de-skilled during this period of remote study and that they are in the best position possible to continue with their studies in Year 13.

Secondly, if there is any work students are struggling to access or understand, they must be proactive in getting in touch with their teachers via e-mail. Indeed, it is imperative that students are regularly checking their e-mails for updates from their teachers.

Equally, it is also important that students don't over-work or become overly anxious about the work they are being set remotely. Obviously, it is much trickier to be educated remotely; we're collectively still finding our feet but being pro-active in seeking help and reassurance definitely helps. Students must also ensure they maintain a positive work-life balance and give themselves time to exercise and relax. Please also consult the 'Support, Advice and Guidance' area of the SMC Study area for contact details and information which might be helpful during this period of remote study.

Finally, we would normally be preparing for the SM6 Subject Parents Evening in which you would receive detailed feedback from each of your child's subject teachers as to their progress. Unfortunately, this has not been able to take place and so formal feedback as to attainment, commitment and independent learning will occur when we return to school.

Kind regards

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