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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 12 Study Lessons

We are delighted to announce that the new Sixth Form study facilities have now officially opened. We now have three dedicated study spaces which all have Wi-Fi access for students to bring their own devices. One of the areas, which has a capacity for 56 students, has a suite of 22 desktop computers and is reserved for silent study and overseen by our Study Support Manager Mr Theobald.

In a normal school year, all Year 12 students would be expected to stay on-site for a full working week and attend study sessions when not in lessons. Unfortunately, a combination of the pandemic and moving the Sixth Form study area has meant that we have been unable to start this until now. Implementing this successful system enables us to support students' independent learning more effectively. We have contacted those families of students who will need to complete all their independent study on-site to ensure they are ready for the demands of Year 13.

All other Year 12 students are now encouraged to bring their own devices to school and work in the Sixth Form study areas allocated. Students have been reminded frequently to electronically sign the BYOD Policy to allow them to bring their tablets or laptops to school. Students with Library passes in Year 12 will no longer be able to use the library from Monday 17 May. Year 13 students will have permission to use their passes until May half-term.

Students have also been reminded that they should not be undertaking part-time work during the school day which runs from 8.30am - 4.00pm, and that the expectation to be a successful student involves undertaking 21 hours of study in addition to the 15 hours of taught curriculum. Attending lessons and completing PPA is not sufficient to be successful, and we have recently reinforced this by running study skills sessions to help Year 12 students plan and use their time effectively.

We now look forward to using the new facilities to ensure KS5 students are successful with their studies and ready for their next steps beyond Sixth Form.

Yours sincerely,



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