

NWC/jr  
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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Re: Year 11 Transition Programme**

We are writing to let you know more about the transition programme for Year 11 students to follow remotely after half term. This will run from Monday 7 June to Wednesday 30 June and will include the Wildern Fest celebration; more information about this will be sent out after half term. Please note that the school is closed to students on Friday 18 and Monday 21 June so no work will be set on these days.

The programme has been designed to offer students a blend of activities that focus on the subjects they are going on to study at college as well as a plethora of career opportunities. Students have had a presentation about this to talk them through how the programme will run and this can be seen [here](#). Attached is an overview of the transition programme and further details about each element can be found below.

Students will be able to access the programme via their Google Classroom and they have all been automatically enrolled so they will see this classroom, titled Class 2020-Year 11. The timings suggested in the overviews on the final page of this letter are a guidance as to how students can break up the day. All sessions will be available from 8am each day so students can choose when they are working on these to suit other plans they may have that day. We are also aware that some colleges will begin their online transition as well in June and so your son/daughter may choose to complete those tasks ahead of or as well as our transition programme.

### **Virtual Work Experience**

Last summer, unfortunately we had to cancel the planned experience of a workplace visits so we are pleased to be able to offer students a virtual work experience opportunity. This will take them through how different workplaces operate, including different departments such as finance, marketing, sales, training and professional expectations. We would always encourage students to participate in practical experience of a workplace if they have the opportunity, but this is the next best thing in lieu of that.

### **Employability Skills**

The Employability skills course will take students through a series of activities to recognise, reflect and develop their skill set focussing on 9 skills that employers are looking for. It will also cover writing a CV and having an interview.

### **Understanding the Labour Market**

This will take students through exploring various career fields, the qualifications need for the careers they are considering, the hours expected in that field, the career progression as well as earning potential. It will also cover apprenticeships and how to gain experience to assist in that career field.

### **PiXL LORIC**

The PiXL LORIC programme is designed to support students in the transition from Year 11 to Year 12, focussing on developing the skills of Learning, Organisation, Research, Independence and Creativity. Students will have a choice to activities that address these in the subject areas they are interested in continuing their studies in next year.

### **ETON X**

The ETON X course is provided by Eton College and will focus on developing students' resilience. This takes students through a series of reflection tasks to identify their current responsive behaviours in given situations and through tasks and activities, explores ways to build resilience where required. This is a certificated programme which will be great for a CV.

### **Bridging Activities Year 11 into Year 12**

These are available in most subject areas and will offer an opportunity to revisit and consolidate key learning from GCSE courses that students will require for Year 12 courses as well as suggest some reading to start exploring prior to college.

### **Subject Enrichment**

This is available in all subjects studied at GCSE and offers a range of different enrichment suggestions including books, magazines, publications, articles, podcasts, documentaries and films.

### **Drop in with Mr Denman**

Mr Denman will be available in the Community Hub at these times for any students who wish to drop in for a chat and a hot chocolate.

All of these activities have been designed to best support students following the experience they have had over the last 2 years. We strongly recommend students continue to engage in the educational activities provided and that doing so will enable them to successfully settle into their choice of college course or apprenticeship next September.

We are still here for all our Year 11 students so if there is anything they would like help or support with, whether it be the activities in the transition programme, careers or college advice or about their physical or mental health and wellbeing, please get in touch. Our website has a wellbeing section which includes the wellbeing menu of places to get help if needed at this time.

Yours faithfully

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