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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Firstly, we hope that you are all well and coping with the current situation. In times like this it is important that we all keep active both physically and mentally whilst following government advice particularly in terms of social distancing. As a year group we have always put a strong emphasis on being kind and tolerant of differences and I feel this message is important now more than ever. On this subject, Ms Craig and I would like to thank all those pupils who have checked in with us, from the bottom of our hearts, your care has been appreciated.

We wanted to contact you all to ensure that you were aware of what some of the learning platforms offer.

Hegarty Maths, Educake, Seneca and Active Learning Sites are being used where teachers set specific work and topics, however, these can also be used independently by pupils. We have had some reports of pupils claiming not to have any maths to do as they have finished Hegarty, as much as this is a good try, please do not allow your kids to “pull the wool over your eyes” they may have complete the set work but the videos and quizzes are plentiful. Remember from parents evening you were given lists of strengths and weaknesses based on the February assessments this may be a great time to work on them.

Also, if you are looking for any new resources, I want to draw your attention to a website launched on Monday that covers ages from primary to year 10. This site uses a similar pattern of learning to that discussed on our learning strategies evening at the beginning of the year, lots of quizzing, lots of retrieval. The lessons take the form of videos.

<https://www.thenational.academy>

Lastly, we just want to extend our support to any of you that need it. Please do email if you are unsure of anything or if you or your child is struggling in any way, shape or form.

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Stay safe, be kind

Mr Hobbs & Ms Craig