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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you at an extremely difficult time. The absence from school has further perpetuated our sense of uncertainty. We are very concerned about the loss of learning time experienced by our students. The gap between the most wealthy and the disadvantaged has been widened. Research indicates that engagement with online lessons is three times higher for students attending private schools compared with state schools. I would therefore urge you to encourage our students to login online to the virtual lessons provided by our dedicated staff. Every single lesson your child would have attended at school is being delivered online, attendance is mandatory and, for the above reasons, extremely important.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to a fantastic resource we have created for our students. We have created Knowledge Maps which encapsulate all the key content students need to know for the various subjects they are studying. The Knowledge Maps contain valuable content such as key quotes in English, essential formulas for maths, key events for history amongst much other important knowledge that students must learn throughout the five years they are at school.

Here are three ways you can help your child learn using the Knowledge Maps:

1. Ask them to revise formulas in maths and test them on this
2. Act out the quotes from the English literature section
3. Ask them to teach you the key events from history.

Knowledge Maps were handed to students in the week before the lockdown started and schools closed, and many more have been sent via mail. If your child does not have a copy, please email their Head of Learning who will organise one to be sent to your home address. In addition, a digital copy will be available online, accessible from the department pages on our school website.

Yours faithfully,



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