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Dear Parent/Carer

I have attached a copy of the e-mail that I have sent out to all Year 11 students, who have applied to join the Sixth Form. As I am sure that you are aware, studying for A levels or Level 3 OCR National Qualifications is very different than studying for GCSEs.

Due to the current situation, your child has not been in school now for seven weeks and will not return until September. In order to ensure that your child is as fully prepared as possible, I have asked all departments to prepare some work. This will start to develop the skills that students will require and ensure the knowledge that they gained from their studies at GCSE, is not forgotten. The work that has been set will build upon this work and introduce A level and OCR National topics and structure.

The work can be found on the school VLE in the school closure section. The tile that contains the work is called Sixth Form transition tasks:

<https://satchel.guisseleyschool.org.uk/course/view.php?id=481§ion=10>

In this folder there is also a file called "Wider Reading for A level". This contains a number of varied resources that your child can access, to find out more about all of the subjects that Guisseley School Sixth Form offers. This section is not limited to books but also has films to watch, Ted talks and a whole range of ideas that will benefit level 3 study. You may want to use this section yourself.

In addition I have reminded students about "Unifrog". This is an online platform that provides a wealth of information about careers, universities and apprenticeships. Your child has their own access to this site and can save information to make it more personal. I strongly advise that your child explores the website fully, so that they can explore the range of possibilities that will be available after A levels/OCR Nationals. You may wish to explore some of the content of Unifrog with your child. The university section allows you to see every university course in the country (as well as some universities abroad) and lets you make comparisons. It is a great platform and one that we use a lot during Year 12 and 13.

Can I ask you to make sure that your child reads and acts upon the e-mail that I have sent? If you have any questions regarding this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Hello Year 11,

I hope that you are well and coping with the very different summer that we are all facing. It has now been seven weeks since lock down started and I know that some of you will, by now, be getting bored but that all of you must be excited about starting the Sixth Form in September.

Between now and then you will need to prepare yourself for a different way of working. Being in the Sixth Form means that during the school day you will not always be in lessons and you will need to learn to work independently. The lock down period is an excellent time to start to develop these skills and to begin to plan your next steps.

On the school VLE, in the school closure section, is a new tile called "Sixth Form Transition Tasks".

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In this tile there is information, instructions and tasks for you to read through and complete for each subject that you have chosen to study in the Sixth Form. By completing this work you will be giving yourself the best possible chance of succeeding. Some of the work is expected to be handed in at the start of September so make sure that you read it carefully.

In addition to each subject there is also a file called "Wider Reading for Sixth Form". In this file there is a document that contains additional work that you could choose to do. This ranges from watching subject specific films, listening to Ted Talks, to reading books that will improve your overall knowledge. You don't have to stick to your chosen subjects in this section; have a look, see what interests you and have a go.

During the Sixth Form taster lessons in January, you attended a session with me where I introduced Unifrog. This is an extensive internet platform that provides information on careers, apprenticeships and universities. To access this go to www.unifrog.org and log in using your school e-mail account. If you can't remember your password then follow the instructions to reset your password.

Once you are in Unifrog then I would recommend using

- the subjects and careers library to look at where your subjects could take you.
- the know how guide, which has videos and guides on everything from your well-being to Oxbridge Universities
- the universities tiles, to find out about all types of university (you will need to write in your expected grades so start with BBB)

This is only a small selection of what Unifrog offers so do explore it.

I will write to you again later in the summer explaining what will happen in September. In the meantime please take the time to look at the gap tasks and Unifrog. If you have any questions then please do get in touch via e-mail.

I hope that you enjoy completing the tasks and finding out lots of information.

See you in September.

Stuart Gadd
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