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Dear Parent/ Carer

We are writing to update you on some of our most important pieces of work for our Year 9 students. Firstly, our check-ins with form tutors have been very successful, with an average of 94% of Year 9 students responding to contact from their form tutor every week, either through Teams or through regular phone calls home. We will continue contacting every student every week while in the current way of working. Should your child have any questions or want to seek any further support, this regular contact with their form tutor is a good first point of contact for them. ***If you feel you would benefit from further pastoral support, or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning,*** please contact the school through the info@guiseleyschool.org.uk email address and school will be in touch to offer support and to answer any questions you may have.

We would like to thank those of you who have been in touch with us through the info@guiseleyschool.org.uk email for your feedback. We are pleased that so many members of the Guiseley School community have accessed – and found useful – the well-being support we have signposted on the school website and via the newsletter. This will remain on the website, and is accessible to all, and we will continue to explore the many different well-being services currently available for children, young people and families. ***Also following feedback, we have created an instructional Microsoft Teams video that we will be circulating.*** We hope that this will act as a prompt for students, to remind them of the different elements of Teams, and we will also make this accessible on the school website.

We are still setting quizzes for students to complete; these short multiple-choice quizzes have allowed staff to understand how well students have engaged with the online learning and allowed subject teachers to address any misconceptions in the learning. ***In the coming weeks we will be sending you some information to show how your child has done in the online quizzes.*** These have shown an incredibly high level of student engagement and we were very pleased to be able to send out over 100 postcards this week to students who had an average score over 85%. We thank you for your support with this.

We plan for students to sit a slightly extended quiz in English, Maths and Science. The English quiz will open on 29 June and close on the 3 July. Maths and Science quizzes will open on 1 July and close on 8 July allowing students to manage their time over this period. The quizzes will test knowledge from earlier in the year as well as the period of school closure. These quizzes will help inform our planning for next year. We will review our groupings as we move through Year 10.

Details of the content of the quizzes is shown below:

Maths 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Percentages (of amounts, increase and decrease, ordering fdp (fractions, decimals and percentages), expressing an amount as a percentage)
- Perimeter and area (inc. surface area, circumference and area of circles)
- Sequences (using and finding nth term, types of sequences)
- Ratio and proportion (simplifying ratio, dividing in a ratio, ratio as fractions, best buys, recipes)
- Equations
- Probability

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Science 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Ecology
- Atmosphere and Resources
- Making and Distributing Electricity
- Electricity in the Home
- Cells

English 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
- War Poetry
- Macbeth

These subjects will be providing support over the coming week to help prepare students for these quizzes.

Alongside this, Mrs Cook will be writing to you in the next 48 hours to share details of our 'live lesson' offer. This will see lessons delivered live to students in English and Maths each week.

Finally I would like to inform you that, in line with current government guidance, Years 10 and 12 returned to school this week. Over the course of the week we have seen over 75% of students returning to school for the face to face sessions. Whilst the government has not yet provided any detail about what September will look like, we will keep you informed with any updates as soon as we can.

As a school we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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