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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11 student,

It was with great regret that we decided to close the Year 11 bubble yesterday. Not only had we had a second positive case in the year group, but we were conscious how many students had been in close contact on Friday and from what we were told over the weekend. Therefore, the decision was made in the interests of the safety of all concerned. Please can I stress that students who were identified as close contacts should be self-isolating at home. Self-isolating students are due back on either Thursday 26th or Friday 27th November and the rest of year group, who started working remotely today are due back on Monday 30th November.

As per the text message yesterday, we have decided to move the Mock exams back a week, so they start in the week beginning 7th December. We feel strongly that they should go ahead before Christmas. Students have been working towards these for several weeks and if we keep moving them back they may never happen, though this does mean the final exam will be on the last day of term. We have done this to give all students at least a week back with their teachers before the exams start. I would appeal to parents of students who have not been asked to self-isolate, to also ensure that their son or daughter does not mix with other students over the coming week so that we don't face similar issues when they return.

We are putting into place some interactive lessons for Year 11, starting Wednesday morning. These will involve

- a short Loom video introducing work uploaded to Google Classroom
- time to work on set tasks and
- a Google Meet session towards the end of lessons for students to log on and ask any questions

Each subject area may deliver this provision in a slightly different way, so please do not expect everything to be the same. You can also re-watch the video produced by Dr. Hutchinson that introduces the Year 11 work on Google Classroom.

Students will be expected to log on to Google Classroom and navigate to the correct subject folder for each of their 5 lessons on that day. They will therefore be following **their normal timetable** and lessons will start

Period 1	9:00am
Period 2	10:00am
Period 3	11:20am
Period 4	12:45pm
Period 5	1:45pm

They should watch the introductory videos of the lesson, complete any tasks set and then use a Google Meet link sent to them via their school email or included in the Google Classroom to log on and ask any questions they may have about the work. Engagement will be critical in preparation for upcoming mock exams. If you have any issues with accessing Google Classroom/Seneca/Hegarty then please let us know. A reminder that the Google Classroom code for Year 11 is **ngoohkd**



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We have had some issues with the IT Support email address this morning so we have set up another email address for any logging in issues ie password resets. So please email any issues to

remotelearningissues@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

We will resolve them as soon as possible, though students should know their details. Almost all of the students, who were asked to self-isolate last week, have already accessed Google Classroom.

We will be publishing a set of guidelines on Google Classroom tomorrow morning for students and teachers to follow when they are using Google Meet. This is to safeguard the member of staff and the students. These must be adhered to rigidly and poor behaviour will mean they are excluded from all further such opportunities to discuss their work.

We have spoken to subject leaders and most have said that students have everything they need to work remotely, except French, Geography, History, Enterprise and PE. Therefore, students who need to collect these materials will be able to collect them on Wednesday 18th at the following times, split by tutor group. They should not walk in with their friends and should come to the external doors of the Assembly Hall.

11A1(RFE) 9:00 – 9:15

11A2(CFE) 9:20 – 9:35

11A3(LKO) 9:40 – 9:55

11A4(SWO) 10:00 – 10:15

11A5(MCA) 10:20 – 10:35

11B1(LCL) 10:40 – 10:55

11B2(JEN) 11:00 – 11:15

11B3(JWA) 11:20 – 11:35

11B4(RMI) 11:40 – 11:55

We are aware that students picking books up will be missing an online lesson tomorrow, therefore they can logon later watch the introductory video, complete any task and email their teacher if they have any questions. This is a one off as they should be logging on at their usual lesson times as soon as they get home. However, **any students identified as close contacts** who have been asked to self-isolate, should ask a parent to collect. If students need any other help or support then they can contact Mr. McArdle via email at

c.mcardle@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

Mr. Taylor has contacted families eligible for Free School Meals today via email about arranging food packs over the time that students are not in school. If you have not had an email today and believe you are eligible for FSM then please contact us direct.

Our intention, as always, is to support Year 11 students to continue learning as best as we can through these challenging times.

Kindest Regards

Mr Careless