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Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware we had planned for Year 9 to begin their GCSE subjects from the 1st June. Despite working remotely we still want to ensure that the students have this head start on their GCSE courses. After half term Year 9 students will have their core subject work set for English, Maths and Science and this work is all GCSE focused. In addition to core subjects, Year 9 will then be set work by their four option subjects. This option work will be preparation for the GCSE and forms the start of their Key Stage 4 curriculum.

Work will continue to be set using Show My Homework but they will no longer receive work for subjects that they have not chosen for GCSE. Your child will receive work for one option subject each day from Monday to Thursday. This work will increase in amount to reflect the equivalent of up to two hours per subject per week.

It is unfortunate that the next step for our Year 9 has to happen remotely however it is an exciting step change in their education as they begin to study a curriculum that they have chosen for themselves. Please remind your child that if they need help or if they have any difficulty accessing work that they should contact their teacher via email. We will always do our very best to resolve any problems. Wider issues can also be addressed with the tutor either in the weekly tutor time or by email.

The vast majority of Year 9 students have been engaging in their remote learning and often producing some super independent work. We would encourage all Year 9 to embrace the next stage in their learning journey as they begin their GCSE work after half term.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and healthy half term. Please contact the school if we can be of any other support to you.

Kind regards

Mrs Abbott

