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Dear Parent/Carer

Secondary Home Learning

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in ensuring that their child is completing as much work as possible and that they are accessing regularly the online platforms and paper-based work packs available. The importance of the completion of this home learning cannot be underestimated during this prolonged period of uncertainty and like you, we are conscious that students are missing out on a large chunk of their education. As it is likely that it could be a while before schools return to 'normal' we would like to ask for your continued support.

Through Show My Homework, Seneca and Hegarty Maths, we are able to monitor who is accessing these sites and, whilst there is a very large proportion of students doing this, we are becoming concerned that class teachers are not receiving the same volume of work back to review and some students are not accessing any work or sites at all. It could be that students are completing the work but may not be submitting to their teacher for feedback. This element of home learning is vitally important as it will support staff with future planning and allow them to adapt resources and approach to teaching where appropriate to support learning. Please could you ensure your child submits all evidence of completed work through the relevant platform or alternatively, send it to appropriate faculty on the emails that have been provided and are available on the school website. For those students who receive paper-based work packs, please remember to return completed work to school and staff will review and provide feedback. Whether working remotely or via the paper-based tasks, a photograph could be taken of their work and staff can review, provide the feedback and save the work ready for its use when we return to school.

Progress Tutors will continue to communicate personally with all of our students and their families so that you and your child can speak to a member of staff about the work that has / or has not been completed, as well as any concerns or anxieties that you and your child may have. Progress Tutors will be able to offer support to ensure that as much evidence of completed work is returned to class teachers so that when they return to school, they are in a good position to succeed and ready for school routine.

If your child is eligible to be in school, we will continue to offer this provision each day and we are planning to create smaller age group bubbles to allow the provision to be better tailored to need. If your child is eligible for a place, but has not yet taken up this offer, please contact the school office or email info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk and we can discuss and outline the provision that is in place and any anxieties you and your child might have about coming into school.

Once again, please can we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your patience and support through what has been a very difficult time for all of our school community. We look forward to the day when we can all return safely and open the doors to all of our students.

Yours sincerely



Jane Thomson
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