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Continuing Education and Transition from 7th June

Dear Parent/Carer,

As our Year 11 students have now completed their in-school lessons, we need to start looking ahead at supporting them with their next steps and to ensure your son/daughter is continuing their studies and preparation for their future pathway. Our transition work will be completed at home independently and will provide your child with a foundation for the subjects they choose, as well as offer wider and enriching opportunities, leading to a smooth transition.

There are four strands to the online Year 11 transition programme from Monday 7th June:

- 1) **GCSE-Sixth Form online transition work and activities** to be completed independently. Students will be able to access a variety of work and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) via the SWA GCSE Learning Platform on the Google drive. This can be found in their *shared drives* area of their school Google drive account. The folder is called **Transition work after 28th May**. MOOCs are free online courses that supplement your child's existing knowledge and understanding, whilst providing a flexible option for their learning.
- 2) **Sixth Form online summer prep programme** – one hour, online live sessions delivered by A Level and BTEC Level 3 course teachers. This programme spans a five-week period and will introduce your child to their chosen subject areas. The timetable will be sent out via the Sixth Form office after half term and placed in the transition work folder on the SWA GCSE Learning Platform. The meeting links will be included in the timetable and the online sessions will take place via Google Meet.
- 3) **The Sixth Form induction day on 21st June**. As Sixth Form applicants will be aware, this is an online induction day that will be delivered through the school webpage. A letter has already been sent by the Sixth Form team regarding the plan for this day. A link to the Sixth Form induction day area on the website will be placed in the transition work folder on the SWA GCSE Learning Platform.
- 4) **GCSE – College/apprenticeship transition** - Resources and activities have been made available for students who have secured college and apprenticeship places, along with those who may still be considering this as a possible next step. Again, this support can be accessed via the SWA GCSE Learning Platform.

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The screenshot below details what your child will see when they access the shared area after half term:

SWA GCSE Learning Platform > Transition Work - after 28th May ▾

Folders



GCSE course areas - C...



Other than Sixth Form ...



Sixth Form - Transition ...

All strands of our provision will be in a central location to avoid any confusion and to ensure accessing the different aspects is as smooth as possible. This comprehensive programme of study will support your child's education and transition over the coming months.

Please liaise with the subject teachers of the courses your son/daughter is taking forward to ensure any questions can be answered quickly. Any questions regarding college and apprenticeships next steps, please liaise with Mrs Foreman (eforeman@bestacademies.org.uk) and Mrs McMillan (jmcmillan@bestacademies.org.uk) in the careers office.

Yours sincerely,

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