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Dear Parents and Students

I hope you are well and have managed to have a relaxing time over the Easter period.

I am writing to inform you that we have now uploaded materials onto the online platform to support Year 11 students to continue learning and preparing for their next step or pathway, be this sixth form, college or an apprenticeship. These resources can be accessed using the following link (or through the link on our website homepage):

<http://driffield.school-work.co.uk/>

Password: students

Students need to click on the folder titled 'Year 11 Transition' to access a number of folders that will signpost them to a range of materials available. For all students who intend to study A Levels or applied courses from September, they can now access curriculum transition work for all subjects in the folder titled 'Sixth Form Bridging Work'. Each subject will be uploading activities across the next six weeks and this work has been designed to prepare them effectively for starting these courses in September, in order to ensure a smooth transition into sixth form or college. It may also help students to begin finalising the options they would like to take.

In the Year 11 Transition folder, students will also find some other materials we have uploaded to support them in the coming weeks. Firstly, as a follow on from Kevin Mincher's motivational talk in January, he has kindly given us access to a series of his coaching videos that provide practical techniques for developing self-confidence. His BELIEVE coaching series guides students through a number of evidence-based strategies that can be used to increase emotional intelligence and strengthen self-belief. These may be particularly useful in the circumstances we currently find ourselves in as well as situations in the future such as job interviews. One twenty-minute video will be uploaded every Monday morning for the next six weeks and you will see on the first video for this week that Kevin also makes recommendations for further reading that students may find useful.

Furthermore, we are also in the process of uploading a number of APEX materials to this area of the platform. These include materials that will support our Year 11 students with a range of life skills that will prepare them for life beyond school. For example, finance and careers guidance.

If students have any queries regarding subject specific transition work, please contact the relevant Head of Department using the subject support emails. Likewise, if they have any concerns or queries regarding the sixth form, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Andrews at dandrews@driffieldschool.org.uk.

As always, many thanks for your continued support during a difficult time.

Kind regards



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