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Dear Parent and Carer,

Happy New Year to you! I hope that, despite the restrictions, you were able to have a restful and enjoyable break and I am hopeful that 2021 will bring a happier and healthier time for us all.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this academic year. There has been a number of last minute changes and I am really grateful to you for your understanding and help.

One of these changes being the start to this term: Year 11 are following our remote learning program to begin this term so they will follow their normal timetable from home and need to login to the live lessons being run. This will include tutor time sessions where we will be continuing to run the PSHE schedule and checking in with Year 11 to ensure that they have all they need for remote learning.

It is vital that all of Year 11 are taking part in these lessons due to the stage in their education that they are at so please do not hesitate to contact me or their tutor if they require any support. I appreciate that remote learning can be quite tiring throughout the day and more so throughout the week so please do encourage your child to take breaks in line with the school day breaks (10:55am – 11:20am and 1:25pm – 1:55pm).

Your child is scheduled to sit their second round of pre-public exams between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February; these will be formal examinations in exam conditions so I would encourage your child to be revising for these and seeking resources from the year group Teams (full of revision technique resources), class Teams and teacher. Monitoring will then be distributed from 1<sup>st</sup> March which will include your child's updated current level of achievement and professional predictions following the exams.

Following on from school photos last term, the photography company have extended the order deadline to 27<sup>th</sup> January as your child may not have received their proofs in the last week of term. These will be distributed as soon as Year 11 are back on school site.

If you have any questions or require any support then please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk</u>

Best wishes, Ellie Horne Year 11 Leader

