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Year 11 Lessons on Teams

Dear Parents and Carers,

By now, Year 11 should be fully engaged in the Teams lessons that staff are running. I teach a Year 11 Maths group and I have been very impressed with the number of students attending my lesson over the past few days.

However, we are aware that not all students are accessing the online lessons. We are really concerned about this. If you are experiencing technical issues, please contact the school to see if we can help. Otherwise we expect all students to be in all lessons. We have asked teachers to take a register every lesson and we will be using this to follow up students who have not been attending the online lessons.

Teams allows us to take a register of student attendance. It also allows us to see how long the student attended the lesson for. In a few cases, we know students have been logging on to collect their mark and then logging off straight away. They do not realise that we can track this. Again we will follow this up.

Please could I ask you to remind your son or daughter that good attendance and a positive attitude to school work is absolutely crucial for success in Year 11. I regularly remind students that in the summer, they are not in competition for the best grades against other Applemore students but against the 700,000 other Year 11s who will sit GCSEs in 2021. The students who work the hardest achieve the highest grades.

The Year 11 Mock Results will be sent home this week. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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