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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support with this week's remote learning. I hope that your son/daughter has found the work to be as accessible, engaging and rewarding as possible, given the circumstances.

We have already had some fantastic examples of learning shared with us and I commend students for their commitment and resilience, particularly given the barriers that many of our students face. Our SEND and pastoral teams are working incredibly hard to support students most in need and the remotelarninghelpdesk@plympton.academy has been able to provide further support.

In the week commencing 11th January 2021, we will further enhance our remote learning provision for Key Stage 3 and 4 students with the introduction of teacher-led live Seminars. For clarity, I have bullet pointed details of this provision below:

Seminar details:

- Seminars are intended to provide students with the opportunity to discuss their learning with their teacher and receive feedback.
- Seminars will be available for all students in all subjects, except core PE.
- Seminars will take place during one of the students' timetabled lessons for that subject. Therefore, the frequency of Seminars will differ between subjects and year groups.
- Each Seminar will last 15-20 minutes to keep the group sizes small enough for meaningful discussion.
- Seminars will take place using Google Meet.

Joining Seminars:

- Each Friday, teachers will inform students if a Seminar is taking place the following week, and if so, on which day. This will be through an announcement in the subject Google Classroom.
- On the day of the Seminar, students will go into their subject Google Classroom as they would a normal lesson. Instead of a recorded lesson, there will be a document which tells students the start time of their Seminar and a Google Meet link to join the Seminar.



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- Students should click the link at the time of the Seminar. They will then be placed in an on-line waiting room before being admitted by the teacher.
- For the remaining forty minutes of the lesson, students should complete any outstanding work for that subject or a self-quizzing homework-style activity for that subject.

Please can you read through, and reinforce, the behaviour expectations for live video conferencing activities with your son/daughter in advance of their first Seminar (attached to this letter). By joining the Seminar, parents and students are agreeing to abide by these expectations.

As with all aspects of Remote Learning, this is the first time that we have used this technology and system in a 'live' situation and so there may be some initial teething problems. If this is the case, please bear with us and use the remotelearninghelpdesk@plympton.academy email to report any issues.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Langmead'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'L' and a long horizontal stroke.

Mr K Langmead
Vice Principal