John Colet School

Year 11 Post-Assessment Independent Study

Following your assessments, we **strongly encourage** you to make the most of your time this summer term. This is a unique and valuable opportunity for you to develop your independent learning and wider skills, in areas that are of use and interest to you. These skills will help you with your studies and careers in the future.

We have set out guidance about these valuable activities, shared with us by the UK government, below. <u>Annex B</u> sets out remote, independent learning opportunities that may help to support and embed curriculum content or to develop wider skills.

Activities to consider in Annex B

- Video lessons and resources from <u>Oak National Academy</u>. Key Stage 4 online lessons provided across a range of subjects to help plug curriculum knowledge gaps.
- Other high-quality resources including the free digital resources in the <u>skills toolkit</u> provided by the national careers service. These courses will help students learn new general skills and more specialised skills applying to specific careers. They include areas such as practical maths; computer essentials; digital skills; growth mindset; personal growth and well-being; resilience and dealing with stressful situations. Many of the courses include a certificate on completion.

Sixth Form

For those of you intending to enrol in the Sixth Form, it is important that you develop independent learning skills and you are beginning to focus on your future choices right from the beginning of the course. This term is a good opportunity to begin to look at possible careers or Higher Education choices to ensure you are selecting the correct courses now which will support your progression later on. The following activities and courses would be an excellent use of your time in preparing for both Sixth Form and beyond:

- If you are considering an EPQ alongside your other 3 courses, complete a <u>Future</u> <u>Learn course</u> explaining how to conduct an EPQ
- Complete the transition summer work in preparation for each course you intend to take (available on the Google Classroom)
- Watch a <u>PiXL Stretch talk</u> on a topic which interests you and perhaps write a brief report on it

• Log into your <u>Unifrog</u> account and complete some of the tasks there as preparation for Sixth Form study. The 'Know-How Library' is a great place to start or you can begin to research degree subjects or different career sectors in the Subject Library and Careers Library respectively.

If you feel you would benefit from support around transition from Year 11 into Year 12, there are a range of videos you can access, produced by <u>NetSixthForm</u>, which you will find helpful. You will need the access code **net321** to be able to view these resources. There is a step up between Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5, but these videos outline ways you can better prepare for success.

Careers

Careers information can be found on the school's Future Focus Careers website <u>here</u> and the Events and Opportunities sections may be particularly helpful. <u>Barclays Life Skills</u> is another useful site for you. Bucks Skills Hub have launched a new website that includes local opportunities and can be accessed <u>here</u>. Bucks Skills Hub are also offering free 1:1 Careers Advice until June, you will need to book an appointment and further details can be found <u>here</u>. There are also several useful websites to search for apprenticeship opportunities:

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