

# Lincoln Castle Academy



5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

## Year 11 Catch-up Programme

Children and young people across the country have experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). The government has announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time. In reality, this equates to £80 per child.

At Lincoln Castle Academy we have used the government recommended, 'COVID-19 Support Guide for Schools' published by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) to identify the best strategies, based on long term research, that will enable us to achieve the most positive outcomes. In addition to the high-quality teaching and learning and raft of support that we offer as a matter of course in our academy we are using our tutor time to enhance catch-up learning for any gaps from the last academic year. In September we began with our 'Recovery Curriculum', designed to get students back into the routines of being in school and opportunities to talk and discuss how the world had changed during their time away from school. We now move into Phase 1 of the Catch-up Programme, intended to ensure solid foundations of learning for all students. Please see below the programme that the Year 11 tutor groups will all be following this half term.

|                                  | Monday                 | Tuesday   | Wednesday         | Thursday                                   | Friday                                    |
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| <b>Activity 1</b><br>8.30 - 9.00 | ASPIRE                 | READING<br>English Lit text<br>An Inspector Calls | ASPIRE 2          | MATHS<br>Catch-up                          | ASSEMBLY                                  |
| <b>Activity 2</b><br>9.00 - 9.30 | TUTOR TIME<br>ROUTINES | SCIENCE<br>Catch-up<br>Practicals                 | MATHS<br>Catch-up | SCIENCE<br>Catch-up<br>Content<br>Quizzing | ENGLISH<br>Catch-up<br>An Inspector Calls |

As all students had different experiences of their time working from home, we are aware that there will be some students with no or very small gaps, who will be driven hard with extension material and that there will be others who have larger gaps. We need to ensure that students have no learning gaps from their time learning away from school. This then helps our subject specific staff plan for their Year 11 teaching to incorporate this. There are stretch and

challenge materials available to those who need them. Please see the detail in the attached document, which has been issued to all Year 11 students and is kept in school.

In addition, the attached document also makes reference to 'Enrichment'. All Year 11 students are invited to attend and these will start from 9<sup>th</sup> November. If students would like to join any of the sessions, they need to tell their form tutor who will book them in. Our offer is much smaller than usual and this is due to not being able to mix 'bubbles'. Any Year 11 who is participating in an after school activity, will need to wait in the Year 11 area for collection by the subject specific teacher. For some of the activities, students will move to the subject area, where the facilities will have been wiped down and cleaned ready for their use. There will be further, subject specific arrangements for Year 10, as and when we are able to increase our offer to include GCSE MASTERCLASSES.

As you will see from the attached document, the areas for English, Maths and Science catch-up have been planned and you can see the topics we intend to cover up to Christmas. After Christmas we may choose to change the Catch-up programme to include other subjects but we feel that a strong focus on the subjects that underpin all other subjects, need to be our primary focus. The Year 11 reading book is An Inspector Calls as it is a core GCSE English text and it will be used in tutor time only for silent reading, group reading and discussion. Students still need to bring a separate reading book to school every day of their own choice.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support in completing the Year 10 into 11 'Getting Ready' booklet and all other associated materials, students have been rewarded through our rewards system accordingly. It has set them up incredibly well for learning and the curriculum so far. The Year 11s have shown great resilience and determination in what has been a strange but smooth transition back to school.

I will write to you again in later in the term to explain how we are using more specific, targeted interventions for your child, based on teacher assessments.

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Attached: Year 11 Catch-up Programme Term 2 Student Booklet