



OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

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11th June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

To support your child with their next phase of learning, we have worked in collaboration with other schools across the Sapientia Education Trust to create a suite of online learning opportunities for our Year 11 students that aim to provide an enriching experience across four areas. This bespoke programme designed by our Trust's Sixth Form leaders and teachers aims to prepare Year 11 students for their transition to further education in a way that enables them to build their own programme, exploring areas that are already of interest as well venturing into new ones.

The Year 11 programme is aimed at fostering a desire to learn, whilst developing the skills needed for the future and includes four areas: Developing Academic Curiosity, Alternative Pathways, Mindfulness and Virtual Cultural Experiences.

- **Academic Curiosity** offers a variety of resources and virtual platforms covering different topics and interests that students can select from. We would encourage students to explore a wide range of subjects to fully benefit from the programme.
- **A Level and Alternative Pathways** provides a range of resources and activities that aim to develop skills and knowledge for the next stage of your child's education. The A Level offer is an insight into a higher level of learning across a variety of subjects and is not intended to be a formal introduction to specific courses. As with the Academic Curiosity programme, we would encourage students to engage with subjects that go beyond their natural choices to broaden their learning experience. The Alternative Pathways has been designed to cover key areas for career progression, such as apprenticeships, CVs, interviews, entrepreneurship as well as further education.
- **Mindfulness** is an extremely helpful strategy to support wellbeing and is the practice of focussing on what we are experiencing at the present rather than the past and future; because of this it is perfect for reducing stress and anxiety. A series of online activities have been developed to provide an overview of mindfulness practices. These lessons focus on the science behind mindfulness, as well as meditations that can regularly be used.
- **Virtual Cultural Experiences** provide students with guided access to cultural platforms aiming to foster a love of learning. During the pandemic many iconic cultural institutions such as the Louvre and Vatican Museums, have 'opened' their virtual doors providing unique access to exhibitions and resources and we have selected some of the most awesome experiences for your child to explore.



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With anything in life, one gets out of it what they put in and we hope that this programme enables students to stretch their personal boundaries and fuel an academic curiosity.

The programme is only available to Year 11 students within our multi academy trust and is accessible through a unique username and password.

The platform will go live on Monday 14th June and your child can access it from this date using this link <https://sapiaedu.sharepoint.com/sites/Y11Y13StudyResources>

username: Year11@set.education

password: Sapientia11

Your child will be able to view the files directly online in a basic viewer. However, they can also download the files to their device to use offline if they wish.

PLEASE NOTE THE PASSWORD, USERNAME AND CONTENT SHOULD NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYBODY OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell
Headteacher

