

29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Year 11,

## **Re: Transition to Key Stage 5**

I hope that you are all well, that you have been keeping active and that you have continued to focus on 'The Consolidation Phase' of your studies over the last six weeks. Ms Lawner, Mr Wheel, your tutors and I have, once again, really enjoyed being able to speak to so many of you; we will continue making these calls when we return from half term to ensure that we have spoken to all of you.

As we reach the end of the half term holiday, it seems strange to think that you should have been preparing for your few remaining exams and eagerly anticipating the last of these on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. Whilst we were all so disappointed that the exams were cancelled, we are now presented with an opportunity that we must capitalise on. We now have the time, that Year 11 have never had before, to really prepare you for your transition to the Sixth Form and you will now begin Phase Two of your studies - 'Transition to A Level'.

The transition from GCSE to A Level is a huge academic leap. We want to ensure that you are prepared for this next step in your education by introducing you to the challenging A Level content through the transition work which has been set by your A Level teachers and Heads of Department.

All Level 3 subjects require students to research topics, complete readings or to complete a project prior to starting the course. You should complete work for all courses that you have applied for. It is important to note that completion of this work does not guarantee your place on the course and, whilst you have been made a provisional offer, as usual, we must still wait for your confirmed results on 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Everything that you need can be found on the transition pages of our RPHS Achievement website:

<https://rphs-achievement.weebly.com/transition-to-ks5.html>

The work has been divided into '**Essential**' work which **you will hand this work in to your subject teachers in September** and '**Desirable**' work which is designed to improve your knowledge of the subject beyond the curriculum and develop your love of the subject. The work that you hand in will form part of your first assessment in your courses.

We expect you to find this work challenging and ask that you work hard so that this work represents your best effort. If you need help, please get in touch with your A Level class teacher whose contact details are available on the Transition website.

Whether you are planning to join us in September or you are moving on to another Sixth Form or College, we hope that you will find this work useful in preparing you for your next step.

Should you have any questions about the Sixth Form or wish to discuss your subject choices, please email me: [hmcinerney@raynespark.merton.sch.uk](mailto:hmcinerney@raynespark.merton.sch.uk) , using your school email and I will be able to offer you further guidance and support.

Best wishes,

*H. Mc Inerney*

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