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Dear Parents and Carers

**Year 11 Computer Science Information**

As you may be aware this term your son will be completing a Programming Project in Computer Science. Although this is an unassessed piece of work, we are required to send the completed work to OCR and it is a fantastic chance for your son/daughter to develop their programming skills and knowledge in preparation for his/her GCSE’s in May, the skills developed here are assessed in Paper 2.

As this work takes up 20 hours of class time, we would like to use homework as an opportunity to extend learning to the topics that aren’t assessed in the project. In order to do this we would like to register your son/daughter on the following website EXA Foundation, they will log on using their School email address and their name and email address is only visible to his/her class teachers. The work they then complete is assessed and fed back on by his/her class teacher.

Your son/daughter is able to work on his/her programming project whilst at home and bring anything that he feels is useful in to School and submit it as part of the project as long as it is his own work, however, as a School we are required to give 20 hours by Ofqual and OCR, should your son/daughter finish he would be expected to investigate improving his solution.

To support your son/daughter in his progress we would like to run sessions every Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm (Week A) to help with revision or project work. Although these are optional we would like to encourage your son/daughter to attend especially during the Programming Project as we will be spending a significant amount of time looking at answering exam questions.

If you have any queries please contact myself at the School.

Yours sincerely

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