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Key Stage 3 Learning Zone in HL5 at Lunch Time

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that, from Monday April 25th, we are launching a dedicated 'Key Stage 3 Learning Zone' at lunch time for students in years 7-9. Based in HL5, the Learning Zone will be a supervised area where students in the lower school can complete independent private study at lunchtime. It is equipped with 24 computers to allow students access to Google Classroom and other online resources. With the disruption to schooling during the pandemic, it is more important than ever that students continue to develop strong study habits from an early age which will serve them well throughout their time in education. We have taken this decision on the basis of feedback from staff, parents and students. Our intention is that this facility will:

- Support students to develop as independent learners.
- Provide a quiet space for students to undertake serious study without being disturbed.
- Allow for structured study time for students struggling with homework and organisation.
- Provide another point of contact for students to engage with pastoral support.

The Key Stage 3 Learning Zone will be supervised by Miss Knight who has just joined the school as a Pastoral Support Manager. Miss Knight will be working with myself, the Heads of Year and other members of the pastoral team to support students and uphold our high behavior and learning expectations in school. Miss Knight has a wealth of experience working with young people and will be based in the Pastoral Support Office with Mrs Kite our other Pastoral Support Manager. Their office is located by the entrance to the canteen.

Any student in years 7-9 is welcome in the Learning Zone but priority will be given to students invited to attend as an intervention or support measure by academic and pastoral leaders. Students wishing to use the Learning Zone must adhere to the code of conduct at all times:

- Students must work in silence.
- No eating or drinking.
- Computers must be used for serious academic study; no games permitted.
- School rules regarding electronic devices and mobile phones remain in force.

If you have any questions about the Key Stage 3 Learning Zone please get in touch with myself, Miss Knight or the relevant Head of Year. The school library will continue to be open to Key Stage 3 students at lunchtime as a space for quiet reading or study.



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Yours Sincerely,

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