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Dear Parents

Year 11 Post Easter Plans Update

I wrote to you immediately after the break to share our post Easter Plans. As promised, I write with further details about the Eton X week and the Pre A-level programme we have devised.

Eton X: week commencing 4 May

EtonX (<https://etonx.com/>) creates innovative online courses and software for teenagers to develop the skills they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Its *Future Skills Programme* is a series of short online courses designed to equip young people with the practical, entrepreneurial and transferable skills they need for university entrance and a successful career beyond.

During this period Eton have kindly made their courses freely available for schools. We have been offered one free course for Year 11. The course our students will enrol on is the Interview Skills Course. We feel this is the most relevant to all members of the year group.

By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Effective pre-interview research and preparation
- Understanding what the interviewer is looking for
- Structuring effective answers
- Thinking on your feet
- Strategies for dealing with tricky questions
- Managing nerves
- Body language and interview etiquette
- Assertiveness and resilience

It will require 7-10 hours of self-study following the online resources. We would therefore expect students to complete the course during the week. Mr Durning will be tracking their progress and celebrating their success.

Login Details:

Year 11 access code: CRK678NU

Redemptions available: 201

How to sign up to your EtonX course:

1. Visit the EtonX website and click [Sign up](#).
2. Choose **Sign up with Access Code**.
3. Enter your Access Code.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions. Please sign up with your **school email address**.
5. Congratulations! You can now get started on your course.

Once you have created your account, you can always log in at <https://learn.etonx.com/login> to finish your registration and access your course. If you face any issues during sign up or have any questions, please contact etonxoffer@etoncollege.org.uk.

Pre A-level Programme of study: 11 May

At the beginning of Week 4 this term we will start a 4-week A-level Preparation programme. Your son will have access in each of his four chosen subjects to a Team which contains the necessary resources. Departments have taken great care to prepare 4 weeks' worth of tasks to help smooth the transition to A-level study. This is a unique opportunity to have a real springboard into A-levels. **We expect all boys wishing to remain at the RGS for the Sixth Form to fully engage in the study resources being provided.**

Your son may still be a little undecided as to his final A-level choice. If he wishes to study 5 subjects during this period, he must contact Miss Munday (hrm@rgshw.com) by **Wednesday 6 May** at the very latest so that we can address the necessary admin to enable him to do this.

Your son will begin his Summer Holiday on Monday 15 June.

We are bitterly disappointed that these young men have not been able to sit their public exams. However, there are great opportunities which we need to make the most of in the coming months. We have a chance to give your sons a real springboard into next year. Thank you for all the support you give your sons and the School. We have been continually impressed with how they have remained focussed during this period of remote learning.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Wallace
Deputy Headmaster