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Dear Parents

Year 13 Post Easter Plans

I wrote to you immediately after the break to share our post Easter Plans. As promised, I write with further details on the Eton X week and the Preparation for University/Work/Apprenticeship 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 13. The course our students will enrol on is the Creative Problem-Solving 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:

- Develop curiosity for creative problem-solving
- Generate lots of ideas
- Be playful with their ideas
- Refine and develop their ideas
- Take risks and learn from mistakes
- Persist with creative ideas
- Develop their visual and verbal creativity
- Be brave enough to share their creative ideas

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 Noyes will be tracking their progress and celebrating their success.

Login details:

Year 13 access code: Q6GRADB3

Redemptions available: 185

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.

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

At the beginning of Week 4 this term we will encourage students to undertake Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs <https://www.mooc.org/>). Below is an extract from their website:

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are free online courses available for anyone to enrol. MOOCs provide an affordable and flexible way to learn new skills, advance your career and deliver quality educational experiences at scale.

Millions of people around the world use MOOCs to learn for a variety of reasons, including career development, changing careers, college preparations, supplemental learning, lifelong learning, corporate eLearning & training, and more.

There are a vast number of courses of varying lengths to choose from. We encourage your son to follow his passion to greater depths or discover a new passion. This self-study and discipline is important whatever his next steps in life will be. We will ask the students to keep in touch with their Form Tutor to share how they are getting on in their chosen area of study.

Their much-deserved Summer Holiday will begin 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. Through the courses above, we have a chance to give your sons a real springboard into next year, whether that is to university, an apprenticeship or employment.

Thank you for all the support you give your sons and the School. As previously mentioned, we really hope to be in a position this year to have a celebration to mark the end of your journey with us at the RGS.

Yours sincerely,

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