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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Unit 2: assessment, celebration and performance fortnight 2nd March 2020 to 13th March 2020

During the fortnight commencing 2nd March 2020, we will be holding our Unit 2 assessment, celebration and performance fortnight for students in Years 7-11.

PSHE Programme

Each year group will also receive extra designated PSHE lessons during the fortnight, the topics covered in this unit include:

- Diversity and British Values
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Safety, including E-safety

Please look at the timetable as you may want to discuss these lessons with your child either before or after the session.

PPEs

This fortnight will act as our second checkpoint to see how students have progressed throughout the year. As previously, all Year 11 examinations will take place in the exam area allowing students the opportunity to get used to sitting their exams in this formal exam environment. Year 7 -10 exams will take place in classrooms with their classroom teacher. Students in Y7-11 will also be sitting Knowledge Organiser (KO) tests during this fortnight, in their lessons, these will allow students to show the progress that they've made with their homework throughout the course of the year. Students will be assessed on all their work since the beginning of the course/year. Some of the Year 11 assessments will take place in the weeks prior to the 2nd March because of the number of exams they will be sitting.

Attached is a copy of the Provisional Unit 2 Examination timetable for your reference. The outcomes from these examinations will be shared with students on Friday 27th March 2020, where we will **celebrate the progress** made, as well as informing students of the new teaching groups. For Year 11 students, the results from these PPEs will also influence the Tier of Entry for Maths, Science and French GCSE Exams. All students need to continue to focus upon completing their homework to a high standard, and carrying out their own independent revision in preparation for these examinations.

In order to support **secondary students** with their revision for these exams homework during this period, including the week before the exams start, will be revision only (24th February - 13th March). Students have been learning different revision techniques in school which they will be able to use to help to prepare for their exams. The following websites can be used to support students revision for the PPE exams, there are links to these from the Atlantic Academy Website:

- Focus elearning (GCSE Science Required Practical support)
 - Seneca Learning (Free online revision site)
 - Times Table Rockstars
 - My Maths



Any student who has any **unauthorised absence** during the fortnight will be required to complete any missed exams under exam conditions on their return to the Academy and students may be expected to stay after school to complete these. We wish your child all the best and trust their preparation for these exams will go extremely well.

Yours faithfully

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