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RE: UpLearn Directed Study

Dear Year 12 Parents & Carers,

During our Year 12 Information Evening we briefly explained about UpLearn; an online tool used to support students with their Directed Study. UpLearn is used for A Level Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Economics and Psychology. These are some of the most popular A Level subjects nationally and currently over 90% of students in our sixth form study one or more of these. Further information can be found [here](#).

How does UpLearn help?

- It provides innovative and engaging tasks for students to complete to ensure time spent studying is used as effectively as possible.
- Artificial Intelligence features show students what topics they need to focus on and guides them to complete tasks which will lead to the greatest progress.
- The amount of time students engage with their learning can be fully tracked and monitored by teachers. This will help ensure students are committing sufficient time to their independent study.

We are integrating UpLearn as a routine way of working for our sixth form students. Students will be set specific tasks and assignments to complete on UpLearn on a regular basis. They are also able to log in and complete additional independent study to focus on topics or skills they know need development. The amount of study they complete on UpLearn is measured in XP (Experience Points) and 70XP equates to approximately 1 hour of quality study. We would expect students to be typically completing around 140XP or more per week per subject.

How can you support as a Parent/Carer?

- Show your child that you have an awareness of UpLearn and that it should form a routine part of their weekly study.
- Encourage them to show you how they use it and how many XP they have accumulated.
- If you feel your son/daughter isn't doing sufficient independent study, guide them to use UpLearn more frequently.

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When purchased as an individual, the cost to subscribe to UpLearn for a single subject starts at £499.99. Though we have negotiated discount to provide UpLearn access for the whole sixth form, this is still a significant investment on behalf of the school. If you are willing to make a voluntary contribution through [ParentPay](#) towards of the cost this it would be much appreciated. A suggested amount of £30 per subject would be welcomed, though any contributions will be gratefully received. This cost is already covered for any students who qualify for the sixth form bursary.

For those subjects which are not currently supported by UpLearn, Subject Leaders are have devised alternative ways in which to support student's Directed Study. These will be shared with students in their subject lessons.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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