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Dear Parent/Carers

Please may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encouragement in ensuring your child is developing their reading and Literacy skills. We are working very hard to ensure that everyone has the resources they need to reach their full potential.

As you are aware from previous communication we have purchased the licence for IXL, a fantastic, focused product for our young people to use which will remind them of the basic skills of spelling, punctuation and grammar from the entire KS2, KS3 and KS4 curriculum in English. Whilst most of our students have fully embraced the responsibility of independent learning, we still need to encourage a few who have been reluctant to do so and appreciate your encouragement in ensuring they complete a minimum of 60 minutes per week, between Monday and Sunday. We suggest that the minimum is 10 minutes per day, completed by each student, although more is to be encouraged. We also have suggested that they start with KS2 to remind themselves of the basics they may have forgotten in the intervening years. They can switch between skills and levels as they choose.

You can log on to check their progress and how much time they have spent on their accounts too. If you would like their log in details, please ask them as they have all been sent a reminder e-mail. If there are any problems with access it is vital that we know as soon as possible so we may rectify the situation. We know that sometimes there may be situations where students are not allowed access to their electronic devices at home, or there could be a problem with internet connections, however all students are fully aware that they can do their time in school where rooms and devices are available for them to use outside of lessons.

Students have all been shown how to check if they have completed their 60 minutes for the week: Select the 'analytics' tab from the top, green part, of their page; Click on date range which will usually default to 'Last 30 days'; Select 'This week (Monday to Sunday)'. It is vital they check this carefully as otherwise they may think they have done 60 minutes, yet haven't.

If you have any further queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Grant".

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