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Dear Parents/Carers

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As you will be aware, the Enrichment Days are fast approaching on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 July. We have set up two things for these days.

Firstly, we would like every child in Year 7 to 9 to have an academic mentoring tutorial on either the Tuesday or Wednesday with their tutor or Head of House. This will be a time for your child to discuss their Interim Assessment (IA) and make targets for next year, just like they would do if they were in school as part of the Raising Achievement Process (RAP). As these are the enrichment days children will not be set normal lessons during this time. The meetings are primarily for your child to catch up with their tutor. Parents/carers do not have to attend but you are more than welcome to if you would like. We thought it was important that you know about these meetings so that you can have conversations before and after the tutorials with your child about their IA, the challenges of learning under lockdown and their hopes and targets for next year.

Our online booking system will open on Tuesday 30 June where you will be able to log in as usual and choose a 10 minute time slot for your child. Please use the following link <https://castle.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please contact the school if you have any difficulty logging in to this system.

The meetings themselves will run virtually, using Microsoft Teams, which is a platform our children should be confident with through our online learning. The member of staff you are meeting will start the meeting on Teams using your child's email address. Your child will get an alert on their screen and then they will be able to click the button to join the meeting.

The meeting itself will be focussed on academic progress, so there will be an up to date IA to hand to share and talk through. We appreciate that there will be other factors affecting progress at the moment, so students will have a chance to discuss these and plan some targets to help move the learning on, as well as to make sure we reflect and celebrate what has gone well over the past months and before lockdown.

Secondly, we are planning a fantastic enrichment programme for the Tuesday and Wednesday. We know these will be different with most students based at home, however, we do not want to lose the richness that these days normally bring. The theme of these Enrichment Days is based on being healthy and active, so we have produced a menu of activities that you and your child can undertake over the two days. Please have a think about what you may want to do as a family and please do post any photos (especially funny ones) on Facebook or Instagram using the hashtag #getactivecastle.

We hope both the enrichment activities and the academic mentoring will be useful and effective and will help your child to prepare for the return to school next year.

Yours sincerely

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