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Dear Parent/Carer

Commencement of Senior Phase curriculum – Monday 11th May 2020

I am sure you are aware that we will start implementing the new Senior Phase curriculum on Monday 11th May. During the last seven days you should have received an email confirming your young person's subject choice for the new S4, S5 and S6 (2020-21).

Teaching staff have been setting up new google classrooms for each of the subjects listed on the senior curriculum timetable, which is attached (please remember that NesCol courses will not begin until after the summer break). Staff have been adding pupils to these classrooms and pupils will also be receiving an email asking them to accept the invitation to join these classes. On the 'Home Learning' sheets which will be issued on Thursday May 7th, these codes will also be attached.

Each subject has been allocated a weekly one hour slot, when a member of teaching staff will be available (this weekly timetable has been attached). Staff will use this hour in a variety of different ways but it is key that pupils are available during this hour as some staff may use a google meet and will be available to answer questions and or explain the set work for the week. Pupils will then also be expected to complete 'Home Learning' for those subjects throughout the week.

The weekly Senior Phase which will be emailed and posted on the school website under the heading 'Home Learning', will give all a clear picture of what work has been set that week.

It is currently not possible to suggest when schools will open again, and what they will look like when they do therefore it is crucial that all students engage with the Senior Phase curriculum. This will allow eight weeks of learning prior to the summer holidays. Sadly, if students do not engage, this will have a detrimental effect to their learning on return to school.

Should you have an issue with devices (chromebooks) please contact the school on Lochsideacademy@aberdeencity.gov.uk and we will do everything possible to assist you. Finally, can I thank you all for your continued support during this very difficult time and please stay safe.

Your sincerely

Neil Hendry
Head Teacher