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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our continuous focus on improving the learning experience for our students, we are heavily investing in our online learning provision to support their academic development. You may be aware that we are using a range of online platforms to aid our students learning.

Our designated online learning platform is Microsoft TEAMS, which is where you will find all homework assignments, as well as work set for students who may be self-isolating. We are also in the process of utilising the **SIMS Parent app**, enabling students and parents to keep a record of homework set and submitted.

To complement our online learning provision there are additional learning platforms your child may be using for independent *revision* and *homework* purposes including:

- SENECA learning (English, Science, Humanities, Creative Arts and Performance)
- Mathswatch (Mathematics)
- Memrise (Modern Foreign Languages)

Please note: Your child may receive particular assignments from their teachers using these platforms, or they may access them on their own for independent study.

SENECA Learning

SENECA provides **free parent accounts**. Their free parent account allows you to track your child's learning by sharing a progress dashboard, which identifies areas of success and areas requiring further development.

You can sign up for a free Seneca parent account here: app.senecalearning.com/parent Seneca have made this useful 2 minute video to help you get started.

Mathswatch

This service offers a range of demonstrations and practice questions with feedback to support your child with their learning. Results are shared with teachers and Parents to allow you to review their progress and support them where and when required.

To access Mathswatch you can log in using your child's username and password.

Memrise

Is a free interactive service used to enhance the teaching of languages, which is aimed at KS3 as well as our students studying either French or Spanish in KS4.

https://www.memrise.com/

The school will endeavour to support you and your child whilst accessing their online learning. We have uploaded the videos and *user guides to the school's online learning page*, accessed from the school website.

If you are experiencing difficulty accessing IT equipment and you believe you may be entitled to school or government support, please email Padgate Academy using info@padgateacademy.co.uk

As always, the school is continuously grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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