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Dear Parent/Carer

## SUPPORTING YOUR SON/DAUGHTER WITH THEIR LEARNING

As the College settles into the new academic year, we would like to highlight how you can find out what is being taught and how to support your child in their learning at home.

You will already be aware that our very successful student platform, Firefly, enables parents to view and keep track of subject content and home learning tasks that are set. In addition, you can view the praise and consequence data for your child to keep you up to date on how your child is getting on during the term.

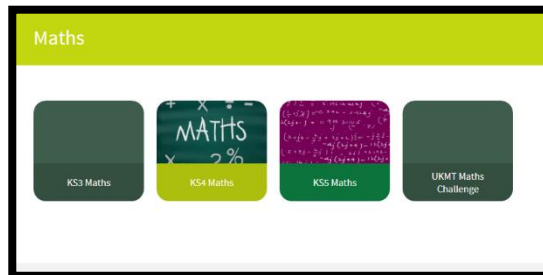
You have recently been allocated a parent log in to access Firefly. Please find attached the letter that was sent to you recently giving instructions on how to do this.

To view the range of subjects your child is taught please click on the link [here](#). After clicking on a subject page you should navigate to the correct key stage as shown below.

Key Stage 3 - Years 7 and 8

Key Stage 4 - Years 9, 10 and 11

Key Stage 5 - Years 12 and 13



By following this link you will be able to access the following key sources of information:

- **Course Overview** - This provides the topic headings and areas being taught in the curriculum during this key stage.
- **Knowledge Organisers and Personal Learning Checklists (PLC)** - Relevant to each subject in each Key Stage. These can offer key facts or information that pupils need to know and be able to recall in order to master a unit or topic.

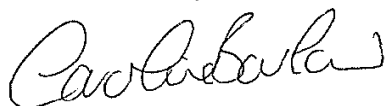
You can:

- Discuss the learning of the topics with your child at home. What they have found out: for example, what was an interesting part of their recent work on particles in Science?
- Help your child to learn to recall parts of their knowledge organiser from memory. There will frequently be subject tasks set on Firefly which will guide them towards certain sections of the document to work on.
- Continuing to support good work habits by having a calm and clean space to work on these tasks and supporting them to stay up to date with deadlines.

The dates for Parents Evenings when you can talk directly to subject teachers are available on the College calendar but we do encourage you to get in touch at an early stage before that if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the College.

Yours sincerely

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