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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely messages regarding the support and online learning your children have received during this challenging time. We have seen so many exceptional pieces of work from our pupils throughout this period and it is always a pleasure to send home praise postcards and texts.

40 pupils have received Amazon vouchers for repeatedly impressing their teachers and we are always happy to add additional names into our weekly prize draw.

A few people are still not sure about how to log into **Microsoft Teams**. Please watch the video that can be found on this link as it outlines all the key information regarding home learning:

<http://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/working-at-home/>.

Pupils' login and password details for Microsoft Teams are the same as those they use to login to their school email account. If they have forgotten these details, email itsupport@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Microsoft Teams is a way for your child to stay in touch with their teachers for guidance and feedback regarding their work. Please make it clear to your child that **this is not a social space** but an online learning environment. Pupils must not use this for conversations with their peers as this is for discussions regarding the work set by the teachers. If a pupil does have a concern they can message their Head of House on Microsoft Teams or via their school email account.

Thank you for all of your feedback about the **audio-visual resources** we added to our online learning this week. Teachers have spent a long time making these and we know many pupils are finding them useful. The audio-visual resources are located in the All Resources folders with all of the other resources for each subject. If your child is having trouble locating a resource or is having difficulty with any of the work they have been set they need to contact their teacher for that subject.

Here are some comments we have received about the audio-visual resources:

"My child feels more confident now that she is not just being told but being shown what do to." (A Year 7 parent)

"My son has found them all very helpful in all subjects. It's actually made him a happier person." (A Year 8 parent)

"My child said she found it comforting hearing her teachers' voices and having their assistance with the trickier concepts." (A Year 9 parent)

"The videos have made my child more motivated. He was getting on OK before but now he's doing work without me having to push him." (A Year 10 parent)

"Thank you to the whole team for all that you are doing in these unprecedented times." (A Year 12 parent)



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I am aware that some of you have experienced the loss of a loved one during this time. Our thoughts are with you and your family. If your child requires any bereavement support please do let us know and we will put this in place. You do not have to wait until your child returns to school, as we are able to offer support remotely.

Please also find the attached link that contains information on useful networks and resources:

<http://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/support-for-families/>.

Yours sincerely

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