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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you to thank you for your support in this unprecedented time. It is fantastic to see us all working together to ensure our young people have the very best support and provision possible.

We have now completed two weeks of remote learning and have taken the time to review what was set up in a very quick time frame as the government announcements came in. We have taken parent/carer voice through feedback to keep in touch through calls being made, emails from home and social media. Staff have met via an online forum to discuss the work that has been completed by our learners and expressed how delighted they were by the quality of work that has been submitted so far. It has been raised that some students however, are uploading work that has not been completed. This is being checked by staff and will be sent back to students to complete.

It may help for you to download Google Classroom on your own device and use your child's log in details to check both assignments set, work completed and comments from staff.

If students need support with their work it is possible for them to use the 'private comments' function on their 'assignment' in Google Classroom and their teacher will be able to get back to them. If students put comments in the class 'stream' everyone within that class can see the message. May I remind you that our teaching staff also have their own families and whilst they are working hard to support our learners please bear this in mind, as they may not be able to answer queries immediately.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that Google Classroom can be accessed from the following devices;

- Windows 10 PC
- Chrome Book with Google Chrome browser
- Ipad with Google Chrome browser
- Tablets with Google Chrome browser
- X box game consoles
- Smart phones with Google Chrome browser

Pupils who are sharing devices can download Google Chrome on their smart phones. They can complete their work on paper. Google drive will give them the option to use their camera so that they can take a picture and upload it to their Google drive in order for them to put upload their work into Google Classroom.

The overwhelming theme is **maintaining routine**, whilst also recognising that this is a very new and challenging time for families, with some homes juggling the use of technical equipment. We do acknowledge that our students also need a rest to recuperate and look after their own mental wellbeing. With this in mind work will still be set over the Easter period but will be in the form of project based pieces which can be dipped into as and when students see fit. These pieces will encourage life skills and also support our learners to maintain the structure they have worked so hard to establish over these past few weeks. Staff will be answering queries during this week but as they have to also look after their own wellbeing this will be during one day a week only.



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Online learning will begin after the Easter break on **Monday 20th April** when we will continue to provide 5 lessons a day, with the teacher available to the timetable for in-lesson support. Students should follow their school timetable to support them in completing their work. Work will be left in place for those students who prefer to work on this at a different time. Those students can contact their teacher in a future lesson slot or by email – although they should not expect these to be seen every day and responded to as timely as communication within the lesson. Some work will be more open-ended and have a longer deadline, students should take their time with these tasks and not try to complete them within a 60 minute lesson.

Students in GCSE classes will be working on some exam specific work and should endeavour to keep on top of the work; their teachers may contact you if there are concerns about a lack of engagement with this work over time.

If you have any other questions at this time, please do contact the school at:

mailbox@ysgolbrynalyn.wrexham.sch.uk

We believe that parents and carers at home with their child at this time are best placed to decide what work and when work is done and we will support the decisions you are making. Your children's mental health and wellbeing is incredibly important to us and we will do everything we can to support you and your children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Slinn', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Mrs A Slinn
Headteacher