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Dear parent / carer,

Study / revision supports

Although the holidays are a time for relaxing and recharging, we have been giving our senior pupils the message of creating a weekly plan. We have deliberately not been calling it a study plan as we recognise many of our young people have other commitments and need some down time too but being in S4/5/6 the weekly plan needs to now involve dedicated time for studying.

Pupils have access to a number of platforms to support revision.

***Teams/Google Classrooms** (where any materials/resources from classes should be shared and homework tasks set)

***ESgoil** – <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/>

***SCHOLAR** – tile on pupil Glow

***ACHIEVE** – tile on school Glow <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/> (pupils should know passcode for Portlethen Academy or email their teacher)

***Others** – BBC Bitesize and numerous other subject specific sites that teachers use and promote in classes

Further supports can also be found in the Pupil Area on the school website:

<https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Supported-Study-Revision-Resources.pdf>

<https://portlethenacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Study-Skills-Booklet.pdf>

Homework

Pupils should know that there is always 'homework'. There may not be a formal set task with questions required for a set date but pupils should read through notes from that day to ensure understanding (following up with teacher if questions) or even do some revision from topics covered earlier in year to ensure information has been retained.

For parents – carers: some links to watch that might help to support your young person.

Effective Study Strategies webinar for parents/carers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FLodJngqFc> (click on link to open)

Retrieval Practice – a guide for parents, carers, and families:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_-TaSzYmx8 (click on link to open)

There will be assemblies next term to further support pupils with preparation for prelims in January.



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If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please either contact your young person's Guidance Teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

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