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Dear parents and carers of Year 12,

At George Spencer Academy we recognise that that each of our students will have their own unique experience of remote learning. Whether that be due to the device being used or sharing devices with others in the family. Wherever possible, we aim to deliver our planned curriculum and ensure that students' academic progress continues and that the change in learning does not present a disadvantage to their future aspirations. Our primary remote learning offer is delivered through Google Classroom and students will have to follow their in-school timetable due to some lessons being delivered live through Google Meet. If pre-recorded lessons are provided, teachers are available via Google classroom or email while that lesson is taking place. This should enable your child to take breaks when work is not scheduled to be posted or completed. We know that some students are contributing to the cause and have jobs which are supporting the economy or others whether paid or voluntary, this is highly commendable during this time, so thank you.

As students work independently we understand they need variety and the opportunity to develop additional transferable skills. We will continue to provide support with study skills through the pastoral programme to ensure they can continue to make excellent progress. It is also important that our Year 12 students continue to focus on future plans, with this in mind, we will continue to provide a programme for guidance. This will include planning for work experience (physical/virtual) and progression options Post-18 using the blended learning opportunities on the UNIFROG tool.

The Department for Education has launched an offer to increase mobile data allowances for children and young people. This scheme is open to any student who does not have access to a fixed broadband connection or cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources.

To request extra mobile data, it has to be done through school so please complete this google form and submit by **Wednesday 13th January**. <https://forms.gle/tXxe68cn1Jx94QNB7>

All the information about the scheme and what each network is offering can be found here:

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

Our staff share the same love of learning as our students - they are here to support them with their learning and also wellbeing. We are continually improving and embedding our remote learning offer and it is under constant review to ensure all students receive the most appropriate offer for them. Learning Managers are planning to be in touch with all families over the coming weeks by telephone. If you have any concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact them directly.

Kind regards,

Miss J Gordon  
Vice Principal for Quality of Education