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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: KS3 and KS4 suggested timetables

I trust that Easter has been as restful as it could have been given the current circumstances, and that you have been able to enjoy some family time, especially with the nicer weather. One of my favourite activities has been to read the submissions from students who have completed the Head Teacher's Challenge. There has been some excellent work undertaken by a great number of students and it has been lovely to read how our young people are supporting their families, learning new skills and finding creative and interesting ways to persevere at this time. Please encourage your child to continue to submit their work for this challenge as they complete it.

We look to begin our new summer term on Monday and so we are expecting that our students return to completing their schoolwork at home. As I mentioned in my previous letter, we have been very impressed with all our students and their families for the effort put into completing work. Thank you again for all the feedback we received during the initial two weeks prior to Easter. As I indicated in my letter to you at that point, we would be looking to refine how we operate, as a result of the feedback received.

Some parents stated that they were finding it hard to coordinate the work their child had to complete, and equally that there seemed to be a large volume of work that was expected, and that was possibly unrealistic. To help with this we have drawn up a 'suggested timetable' for each key stage that we hope will help families to plan what needs doing and when; we hope this provides a better balance. We have indicated suggested times but these can of course, be adapted to fit around what is possible at home. Additionally, parents and students told us that they were finding it hard to organise schoolwork when it was received on the day. Therefore, we have asked teachers to set all work for the week ahead on the Friday of the preceding week. We are hoping that by setting work for the week ahead, this will give students and their families a chance to plan for the week ahead, in line with our suggested timetable.

[KS3 suggested timetable](#)

[KS4 suggested timetable](#)

Our teachers will provide work that should broadly take the time allocated within the timetable. For some students, they will want to complete more work than the timetable suggests and so we have asked teachers to set work called 'Dig Deeper' which allows students the opportunity to complete additional work where they may have completed set work more quickly, or wish to extend their knowledge further. As a reminder, for this academic year, Key Stage 3 refers to Year 7 and 8, Key Stage 4 to Years 9, 10 and 11.

We hope that this coordinated approach will help students and families to plan more successfully for what is required. However, we know that this may not be perfect and so would welcome any feedback, positive or otherwise, so we can continue to refine what we are doing. Please continue to get in touch with us via admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

