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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **PiXL Apps**

Brookvale Groby Learning Campus is continuing to work in partnership with PiXL (Partners in Excellence) this year. This is a collaboration of over 3000 schools and education providers. As a result BGLC students can continue to access a fantastic online resource called PiXL Apps. The apps come to the campus as just one of the vast array of resources provided by the PiXL network to raise standards and to give students a better future and a brighter hope. The versatility of the apps allows its full use on all technology platforms and has proved a great tool to use whilst on the go - for example, when travelling to school on the bus. The apps provide another tool to be used when students are self-isolating.

Embedded in the apps is a fantastic, dynamic, tracking chart which highlights for students, visually and in full colour, skills they have mastered and skills which need further work. Students get a real sense of 'where they are at'. Some of the apps have daily challenges for students to complete and there are scoreboards for each year group. To add to the ease of using the apps, there is **only one set of login details** for each student for all of the apps, which your child will be given by their Maths teacher.

These are the apps available with a link of how to download each one:



Mental Maths App - <a href="https://appusers.pixl.org.uk/mentalmaths/login">https://appusers.pixl.org.uk/mentalmaths/login</a> Allows students to practise their mental maths skills.



Maths App - https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/

Allows students to focus on strengths and areas of weakness. The app assesses questions completed on the app and also assessments completed in lessons. 'Therapy' for topics and feed forward tasks are available as well as a 'daily challenge'.



History App - https://historyapp.pixl.org.uk/

Covering a wide range of GCSE History units and themes targeted at KS4 specific content. There are interactive activities for students to engage with and complete.



Geography App - <a href="https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/">https://geographyapp.pixl.org.uk/</a>

Covering a wide range of GCSE Geography units and themes targeted at KS4 specific content. There are interactive activities for students to engage with and complete.



PiXL Unlock App - <a href="https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/">https://vocab.pixl.org.uk/</a>

Aimed to develop student's vocabulary not only academically but also in a pastoral wider sense to help improve our students' life chances in the future. This is tailored specifically to each key stage.



English Literature App - https://englishapp.pixl.org.uk/

There is a greater need for students to know texts thoroughly and the PiXL Lit app helps with this. It includes Literature tests so students can select the ones they are studying. The activities have different levels to progress to.

Class teachers will give further information to your child during lessons of how to use the apps and which ones will be useful for them to use. Subject areas will keep you updated through our newsletter of scoreboards/challenges run at the campus.

## **Personalised Learning Checklists**

Year 10 students will start to use Personalised Learning Checklists (PLC) in their subjects during the course of this term. Each PLC lists the key areas of knowledge and understanding needed for a student to be successful in an examination / subject at a particular level or grade.

The PLC should be used to aid revision and address gaps in student learning on an ongoing basis. They will be colour coded red, amber or green (see below) depending on how a student is engaging with a particular topic. Any red and amber sections should be where students prioritise their revision.

G	I am confident about this topic and I know what I need to do.
Α	I am not too sure about this topic. I may need to check with my teacher and spend more time working on this topic.
R	I am not confident I could answer a question on this topic. I need to check with my teacher and ensure I have what I need to do it.

Your child will either receive paper or electronic copies to use in their lessons. Copies of each PLC can be accessed from our campus website <a href="here">here</a> later this term.

Using the apps and personalised learning checklists will assist your child to make further progress and I would be grateful if you could assist in encouraging their use.

Yours sincerely,

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