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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and ready for the summer break.

We have now come to the end of the 2021/22 year and I wanted to send a brief communication from the Deep Learning team about the focus for students in lessons for the new academic year.

This year has been the first full cycle of using our '5 Pillars of Learning' to support students' understanding of their learning, and to help achieve the best education for our young people. If you missed the communication earlier in the year about what the 5 Pillars of Learning are, and how they are used in lessons, please see the link below:

Parents/Carers Information on the Five Pillars of Learning

It is important for students to be well prepared for the Academy day, so that purposeful learning can begin from the start of every lesson. A key part of this preparation is ensuring that they have all the required equipment needed to be successful in the learning environment. In September, your child will be given a new planner, and on page 14 it shows what students are expected to have in the Academy every day. This information is detailed below.

"All students will need:

- *pen (black/blue **and** red)*
- *pencil*
- *ruler and rubber*
- *a scientific calculator - we recommend: Casio FX-85"*

Students also "*require a school bag which can fit in an Academy planner and/or A4 workbooks*".

These items of equipment are essential and should be with your child in the Academy every day to ensure your child is ready to participate without distraction in their learning. Please can I ask that over the summer break you take an opportunity to review this with your child so that they are fully prepared for September.

There will be a continued focus in the Academy on the development of student literacy across the curriculum, which includes making sure every child is a reader. Students have a number of opportunities during the Academy day to read and develop their vocabulary. Nationally there is always a dip in some students' reading ages when they return in

September. As a final plea from the Deep Learning team, please support your child's reading over the summer holidays wherever you can. This can be as simple as hearing your child read out loud, as research has suggested this makes a difference in students' reading, confidence and fluency. Please follow the link for suggested reading materials in the different Academy subjects.

<https://sites.google.com/ripon.outwood.com/oar-reading-for-pleasure/home>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have an amazing summer.

Yours faithfully,



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