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Dear Parent/Carer,

Online learning

Each learner has a section of their timetable called **online learning** at the end of the day.

This is a dedicated time where learners are expected, and supported, to develop their skills as an independent learner; to become 'expert' in using technology to support their learning. This is in addition to home work and home learning which is set on Google Classroom.

This communication is to help parents and carers support how youngsters use their time in this period. The majority of online learning will be through Apps with some taking the form of online and in class tutorials. Apps are an invaluable tool to enhance learning, giving learners the opportunity to progress at their own pace, receive instant feedback and help their teacher support learning through ongoing assessment. They also allow learners to develop the range of skills they need to access a blended approach to their learning. Blended learning uses technology to combine in-class and out-of-class teaching, maximising the educational impact for learners.

Learners in the MEP Program have online Mandarin lessons. These lessons are delivered through Google Classroom and it is the expectation learners attend. If they are unable to attend these lessons then contact needs to be made with Mrs Jackson on vjackson@bayhouse.gformat.org These online lessons replace the two half hour lessons which were running previously.

These lessons will take place at the following times:

- Year 7, 8 and 9: 3:45pm to 4:15pm (Mandarin - 3:45pm to 4:45pm).
- Year 10 and 11: 3:45pm to 4:30pm.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	Educake: English Bay House and Brune Park: MEP - Mandarin - Live Lessons (1 hour)	Bay House: Hegarty Maths Brune Park: Sparx	Bedrock Learning: English	LanguageNut: MFL MEP - Learner Educake: English	Online Clubs and Societies
8	Educake: English	Bay House: Hegarty Maths Brune Park: Hegarty Maths and Sparx	Idea Award - Computer Science Brune Park: Mandarin - Live lessons (1 hour)	LanguageNut: MFL Bay House: Mandarin - Live Lessons (1 hour)	Online Clubs and Societies

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10 / 11	GCSEPod: English	Hegarty Maths Bay House: Mandarin - Live Lessons (1 hour)	GCSEPod: Science	Options - Students are flexible to choose apps from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay House • Brune Park 	Unifrog MEP Bay House: Hegarty Maths

Your faithfully,



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Did you know? GCSEpod are currently running parent and carer webinars to support with online learning. Book your place here: <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-webinars/>

Additional information for parents and learners about how asynchronous learning can blend with synchronous learning to improve educational opportunities:
<https://www.learningscientists.org/blog/2020/7/23/online-learning-tips-for-students-and-parents>

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