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Dear Prospective Year 12s,

Update from the Sixth Form Team

Firstly, we would like to say how much we appreciate your patience and resilience in these difficult times – well done for remaining calm and being so proactive about your education. We hope you and your families are well.

We are writing to you to let you know of some important work we would like you to do before you come to the Academy in September. It is essential that this work is completed so you are not behind when you begin in September.

We are calling this the 'Bridging Project' as it creates a 'bridge' between the work you have done in Year 11 and what you need to do to prepare for your first year in Sixth Form.

On the page below are all the instructions you will need to access it – these have also been communicated to you via Show My Homework and via e-mail, with a reminder sent by text.

Our contact details are below so please do not hesitate to get in touch. Can't wait for you to start!

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We need you to start preparing for your courses in September. This is really important. We are calling it the '**Bridging Project**' because it creates a bridge between Year 11 and Year 12.

We will be doing this on Microsoft Teams: CLICK HERE --> <https://teams.microsoft.com/>. I want you to log into Teams to start doing this where you will find your classes for next year. To login you can use the same details you used to login to computers at St Mark's!

You also need to read and complete this user agreement [here](#).

1. If you haven't been able to access Teams yet, watch [this video](#) for a guide on how to log in. You need to log into Teams using your St Mark's username with _____@stmarksacademy.org.uk at the end and the usual password you use for school computers and email. If you are using your phone, you should download the app 'Microsoft Teams'.
2. When you log into Teams, click on one of your three classes in the subjects you have chosen, which will be called _____2020-21. You will be taken to a welcome page with more instructions. If you get lost, make sure you find 'Class Notebook' as that's where you'll find our lessons.
3. Then, you'll need to click the purple arrow and find 'Content Library'. Under here, you will find some work called 'Bridging Project'
4. Read through the instructions and click on the link to the first week or topic. There you will find the content you have to read and also a link to a quiz which your new teacher has made to check you're doing the work and that you understand.
5. Complete the activities to the best of your ability, either making notes in a notebook or you can use the 'My Exercise Book' function on Teams. To find this, click the purple arrow and find your name. Your exercise book should be under there!

Teams is really exciting as it gives you an exercise book, which I can read and mark for you, and lots of other exciting things which we'll learn how to use together over the coming weeks.

If you are still having any problems, do email me on sfoster@stmarksacademy.org.uk - please make sure you use your school email. I will be calling home if you are unable to access Teams so that I can help. You will also be able to see your new teacher's e-mail so you can contact them directly.

Enjoy!

Mr Foster

COVID-19 Advice & Guidance

Public Health England	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public
Home Isolation Guidance:	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-self-isolation-for-patients-undergoing-testing/advice-sheet-home-isolation
Government Action Plan	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan
NHS 11 Online	https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19
NHS Guidance	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
Travel Advice	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus

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