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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 to 10 Transition

As the end of the academic year approaches in these unusual times, it is important that students look ahead to the next phase of their academic journey into Year 10.

Throughout the last few months I have been impressed with student's resilience and attitude towards their learning and I am sure that every student aspires to achieve their personal best in the coming year. The clear expectation is that all Year 9 students must continue to develop their approach to their learning that will contribute to them making a successful transition to their GCSE studies in September. The newly strengthened, linear GCSE qualifications are much more rigorous and complex in their assessment of knowledge and skills and, therefore, require students to be even more committed to independently reflect on their learning and regularly revisit subject content to ensure this learning is consolidated. Consequently, the Academy has collated Summer Progress Work for Year 9 students to complete to help make the academic transition to GCSE work and to prepare students for the study habits necessary for GCSE success.

All subjects have set guided tasks which each represent around 30 minutes of work. This resource will also be placed on our website (<https://www.astrea-longsands.org>) by following the 'Year 9 Summer 2020 Progress Work' link under the 'Students' tab. In addition, students can also locate this resource on Doodle. Students should complete the work set for the subjects they are studying; this will be monitored by the classroom teacher when they return in September.

Whilst I recognise that all students need a break over the summer holiday, it is also important that they keep in touch with the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need for each subject. To that end, I thank you in anticipation for your support in ensuring this work is completed.

Best wishes



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Head of Year 9