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Dear Parents/Carers of GCSE Computer Science Students

I hope this letter finds you well. I am excited to share some important news regarding the resources available to support your child's Computer Science education.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible learning experience for our students, the Computing Department has recently invested in a subscription to the SmartRevise platform. This platform is a valuable tool designed to assist our GCSE Computer Science students in their revision efforts outside of regular lessons.

SmartRevise offers a comprehensive range of study materials and interactive quizzes that align with the curriculum we are covering in class (J277 OCR GCSE Computer Science). We strongly encourage our students to utilise this platform as a means of reinforcing their understanding of the topics taught in lessons.

For Year 11 students, I have set the expectation that they complete **100 questions** on SmartRevise fortnightly. Year 10 students are expected to complete **50 questions** during the same timeframe. Whilst this may seem like a lot, these questions are multiple choice questions and year 11 students should not need to spend longer than one minute/question. Students are encouraged to complete more questions as additional revision – my fortnightly expectation should be treated as the bare minimum expected of students.

Consistent engagement with SmartRevise will not only enhance your child's understanding of the subject matter but also greatly contribute to their success in their upcoming GCSE examinations.

It's important to note that, in accordance with our academy's policy, students who do not fulfil these SmartRevise requirements will be issued with home learning after-school detention. I believe that this approach will help maintain accountability and encourage consistent revision habits.

I kindly request your support in ensuring that your child actively utilises SmartRevise at home. Numerous studies have demonstrated that using such tools outside of school hours can significantly improve academic achievement.

If you or your child encounter any difficulties accessing SmartRevise or have any questions about its use, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at tomasz.zasadzinski@rrma.org.uk. I am here to provide assistance and guidance, and I will be delighted to help in any way I can.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this endeavour to enhance your child's education. I am confident that by working together, we can help your child excel in their Computer Science studies.

Yours sincerely,

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