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Dear Parent,

At Ellesmere College, we are always looking for ways to extend our pupils' learning. That is why, as part of our school improvement programme, we are now using CENTURY – a ground-breaking online learning platform for English, Mathematics and the Sciences. It does not replace FROG as our VLE, where subject guidance and links are available. CENTURY combines artificial intelligence with the latest research in learning Science and Neuroscience that builds a pathway of learning for the individual at GCSE level.

The platform identifies every pupil's strength, gaps in knowledge and misconceptions. Pupils can log in and complete work that has been suggested for them by the advanced recommendation engine, based on their needs, or work which has been set by teachers to reinforce their learning.

It allows pupils to take control of their own learning and for teachers to get real-time data on progress, allowing them to quickly identify which pupils need support or additional challenge.

### **What does this mean for my child's learning?**

CENTURY will implement existing teaching methods. Teachers have the freedom to decide how they incorporate CENTURY into classroom and home learning. At Ellesmere we intend to take a pre-learning approach. Prep may be set using this in advance of the lesson, in order that pupils come to the lesson with the basics and we can accelerate the learning in the classroom. This is often referred to as 'flipped' learning, in that prep is truly preparation for the next lesson, rather than finishing off work from the last.

### **Accessing CENTURY**

Pupils can access CENTURY at anytime and anywhere. It is available to them in school and at home. All they need to do is visit the [CENTURY website](#) and enter their unique login details. Their login details are their school email [name.surname@ellesmere.com](mailto:name.surname@ellesmere.com) and the password Ellesmere23.

The platform can be accessed from tablets and laptops on up-to-date versions of most common browsers. The best browsers are Chrome on PCs and Android devices and Safari on iPads. It is **not** optimised for use on mobile phones. We recommend Microsoft Surface as the ideal learning device, you will recall I mentioned this in my letter last term – when deciding to update your child's device, please ensure you get a device that is **not** 4G/5G enabled. They should be Wi-Fi only, so you can

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keep your child safe by not giving them access to the National Phone Network on their tablet. Wi-Fi is then restricted to being the school, rather than the mobile phone Wi-Fi and keeps the focus on educational use of their device rather than social use.

### **Parent Portal**

One of the many benefits of CENTURY, is the Portal feature. The portal provides parents access into CENTURY, to see what homework the pupil has been set, when it is due and how they have performed.

### **What does this mean for my child's personal data?**

CENTURY is fully compliant with all relevant data protection legislation, including GDPR and has processes in place to ensure data is secure. Personal information, such as names and dates of birth are authorised to be shared by the school according to the data sharing agreement signed by all parents.

### **How do I find out more?**

If you have any questions about CENTURY, please visit CENTURY's website at [www.century.tech](http://www.century.tech) or email CENTURY at [support@century.tech](mailto:support@century.tech).

Kind regards,

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