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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your child has begun to settle into life at Pent Valley Technology College. One of the aspects which students often find quite exciting when they first join us, is the extent to which we use Technology to help us run our school and more importantly how this helps with learning.

Along with this letter you will find details of the first three examples of this. The first of these is a letter from Mrs Allcock which explains our '**Lexia Reading Programme**' which we use in school during lessons to improve students' reading. In Mrs Allcock's letter you will also find details of how you can access this programme at home and therefore help your child continue their reading when they are at home.

The second letter provides you with your personal and private Username and Password to our **Pent Valley Portal**. Once you have logged onto the portal you will be able to access all sorts of information about your child. Importantly you will be able to access our **Independent Learning Projects (ILPs)** which we set every term for every individual student. These projects extend over a term and also replace the short homeworks which students often struggle to complete from one night to the next. The ILPs allow students a longer period of time to work on a project or piece of work and so extend the learning they are doing in their lessons whilst at school.

The third letter provides details of '**ParentPay**'. This will enable families to access their child's school account and so add money to this for lunches. Again the letter provides a Username and Password for this facility.

Finally I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the families of Year 7 students who have already been in touch with their Mini Schools to share how positive a start this term has been for their child. I know how hard each Mini School works to ensure these first few weeks are as positive as possible. I also want to remind families that should there be any problems or questions at any time that they simply need to contact their Mini Schools to ask for advice or help.

Many thanks



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