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Dear Parent/Carer

Earlier this academic year, the Academy introduced a new online learning platform called 'Century' which is available to all students in Years 3 to 11. Century combines artificial intelligence with the latest research in learning science and neuroscience. The platform identifies each student's strengths, gaps in knowledge and misconceptions. Students can log in and complete work that has been suggested for them by the advanced recommendation engine, or work which has been set by teachers.

Century is used by hundreds of schools nationwide to support and extend learning in English, maths and science and is expanding rapidly into other subjects, with Geography now coming online in the next few weeks. To enable your child to benefit from Century, they will need access to an internet-connected device such as a PC/laptop, tablet/iPad, or most modern smartphones. Please search for 'Century Learning' via your preferred online search engine or visit the following web address: <https://www.century.tech>.

Students should go to 'Account Login' and 'Sign in with Office 365', and use their school email address and password to log in. The newly released 'Guardian Portal' feature provides you with a way of monitoring and tracking your child's progress and will inform you of the homework that has been set for them. We have recently signed up all parents for whom we have an email address on our system, so that you will be invited to join the Guardian Portal. If you have at any point in the past provided school with a contact email address, you will receive an email from Century in the coming days (please check your junk if you do not see it in your inbox), which will contain instructions on how to set up your Guardian Portal access. If you do not receive this invitation email, and you would like to sign up, please email us at: [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) and include your name, child's name/s and your preferred email address.

For any other questions about Century or Guardian Portal or if you have concerns about how to sign up, please contact us by emailing [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) in the first instance, or leave a note in your child's planner and we will get back to you.

Yours faithfully

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