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Dear Parents/Guardians

We wanted to make you aware of this service which you may have heard about in the press recently. This is targeted towards adult learners, but some of the courses could also prove valuable to our senior pupils in Key Stage 4. All the links you need to get started are below.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hartley
Headteacher

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Press release

Online platform 'The Skills Toolkit' will help people to build their skills during the coronavirus outbreak and beyond.

A new [online learning platform](#) to help boost the nation's skills while people are staying at home, has been launched today (28 April) by Education Secretary Gavin Williamson. Free courses are available through a new online platform hosted on the [gov.uk](#) website, called [The Skills Toolkit](#). The new platform gives people access to free, high-quality digital and numeracy courses to help build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects.

These are the skills which are highly valued by employers and sought after in a wide range of jobs. With more people expected to be working and studying remotely in the coming months, the platform offers a great opportunity to learn new skills to help to get ahead online and gain the knowledge we'll all need for the future. The platform also offers employees who have been furloughed an opportunity to keep up their skills development while they are at home.

Courses on offer cover a range of levels, from everyday maths and tools for using email and social media more effectively at work to more advanced training. Individuals will be able to access courses helping them to create great online content developed by the University of Leeds and the Institute of Coding, to understand the Fundamentals of Digital Marketing from Google Digital Garage and to learn how to code for data analysis from the Open University. All courses are online and flexible, so people can work through them at their own pace.