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- Check they are keeping up with homework – homework roughly equates to an extra term of teaching time over the course
- Ask about their progress in assessment tests – they should complete one at least every term
- Ensure they catch up any missed work – it may be easy to get left behind
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