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Dear Parents/Carers

As we get to the end of this half term I would like to thank you and the children for your support and engagement in remote learning during this first half term, we know that this has been a really challenging time for everyone working at home. Thank you for all your feedback which has helped us to see things from a parent's viewpoint and make changes that will help all with on line learning. I hope that all of you will take a break from school work this half term and have some time away from on line learning.

The Prime Minister indicated that schools are **unlikely to re-open before Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March** and this will depend upon a number of different factors, including infection rates and the vaccination programme. We will receive two weeks' notice of reopening but have no further details at present, it is possible that return to school will be on a phased basis. In the meantime, we ask that pupils continue to do as they are currently doing and remain engaged in on line learning.

Some aspects of school life continue and we have recently had a monitoring visit from Ofsted, the report will be published shortly for parents to see.

If you are a year 11 parent you will be aware, we are holding virtual mock exams for the Y11 students the first week back after half term, week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The exams will follow your child's normal timetable and the exams will be sent out online either through Classcharts (Word document) or Forms (which is part of Office 365). The students will be expected to complete the exam in the time set by the class teacher and will either be returned to the teacher via Classcharts or if the exam is on Forms, their answers will be recorded automatically. Any additional materials needed for the exam will be sent home. The additional materials will not need to be returned. Please ask your child to check for exam announcements on Classcharts which each Head of Department will be making over the next few days. If your child is unsure or worried about the exams or have any questions relating to them, please contact your child's class teacher or form teacher. Please encourage your child to revise as much as they can over half term to ensure that they are fully prepared for the upcoming assessments.

The Department for Education /OFQUAL has completed a consultation on plans for the grading process for those students who were due to sit GCSE examinations and vocational qualifications this summer. We are expecting further information on grading plans during the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.



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At this time of year we would be helping the students of Y9 to choose their options. This is not a process that we want to carry out remotely and so at present, in the hope that we will return to school soon. We are going to wait until the year group returns. When the pupils are back on site we will be holding options meetings with your child as well as phone calls home to discuss the choices available. Your child will have a one-to-one meeting with our careers advisor, Mrs Robinson, who will guide your child to ensure that their choices match their future aspirations. The students will receive an options booklet which will provide further information on each subject available as well as the options form for them to complete with you at home. A letter will be sent home by Mr Kevan with further explanation of the process. Should you have any questions or queries regarding the options process please contact your child's Form Teacher or Head of Year. We will of course keep you updated if plans change.

We have a test centre set up in school which is working well and we are testing staff and pupils who are on site. Plans are underway for testing all pupils when schools eventually reopen. If you have not yet signed a consent form we would urge you to do so, you can do this by following this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=edkOkqDz0O3OTWePrP-WR7Ap-06dIRIsWdZWutj0WpUQ0JVNTVJTFNXV0ZNOTRMUkdaUkxTUK5SSy4u>

Finally I would like to thank all of those parents who have written to us with such kind messages of support and encouragement, these messages are really appreciated by our staff who continue to work hard to support our pupils.

I hope you have a good half term holiday,

Best wishes,

Mrs A L Kennedy  
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