

10th February 2021

Dear Parents and Students

As we approach February half term, I thought it timely to provide you with another update.

February Half-Term:

I know students have been working very hard on their on-line learning and I wanted to thank students for all their efforts during this period of remote learning.

Mrs Lawson and the Year 10 Pastoral Team have informed me that 494 'Well Done' postcards have been sent to students since January. Students are also enthusiastically getting involved in the weekly literacy challenges, as well as the whole year group challenges, which is great to see.

We value student wellbeing and understand the importance of balancing schoolwork with other activities. Throughout the remote learning period, students have received weekly emails encouraging them to look after their emotional health during this time. As half term approaches, we would like students to use this week to have a much-needed break and reduce their screen time; therefore, teachers will not be setting any additional work. Mrs Lawson will be in touch with students before the end of the week to set a wellbeing challenge for half term offering a variety of ways students can unwind and recharge their batteries.

Returning to school:

We await to hear if students will return to school on March 8th and if so whether that will be specific year groups or all students. Until that time, next half-term, we will continue to follow the remote timetable students have been following this half term.

Year 10 Progress Check

This week parents will receive their daughter/son's second Yr.10 Progress Check (the first Progress Check was sent to parents in November) which will allow you to see how your child is approaching their GCSE studies. I think it is important to say that we appreciate the disruption to learning that students have experienced in Year 9 and now again in Year 10 and the potential impact of this on both their academic progress and well-being. We will work closely with all students over the next 18 months to ensure they are provided with any extra support they need to be successful in their future studies.

Conclusion

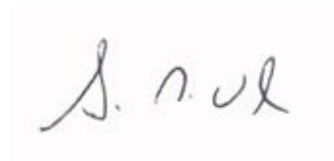
I hope, as we move towards the end of the Spring Term and into the Summer Term, students will return to school on a full time basis as soon as possible. As I have already said, we are aware that

Year 10 students' education has been disrupted and we will ensure students have the opportunity to make up for any lost learning and, as is the case every year, students go on to achieve their personal best grades at GCSE.

We are also looking forward to the day we are able to offer the extensive extra-curricular opportunities that are such a feature of this school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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