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Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health during these extraordinary times. The huge challenges that we all continue to face are unprecedented and, despite the impact of Coronavirus on everyone, I am seeing an excellent resolve amongst the STFS community and this continues to give us great strength at this time.

As we do not know how long schools will operate in their current state, I wanted to remind everyone that the Easter break will commence from Friday 3rd April. With this in mind, I have said to teachers that they should switch off their laptops and take a well-deserved break. This is equally important for the students also. It will also give parents and carers some respite from 'nagging' their child to complete school work. Everyone needs some time to reset, so that they are ready to face whatever challenges present themselves after the Easter break. Teachers will be available again on Monday 20th April and will continue to provide work and feedback to students from this date. We will continue to make contact with those students who are considered vulnerable throughout the Easter break as agreed.

We are continually re-evaluating the best way for the students to continue their learning at this time and I hope everyone understands that this is largely experimental in these uncertain times. We will, of course, make you aware of any developments or changes to how school work will be shared with students. We will continue to update our Facebook page and our website with information on how work will be shared.

For Year 11 and Year 13 students, I still have no further information regarding your grades. Schools were under the impression this information would be available prior to the break. As soon as the details are released I will write again to share what this means for exam cohorts.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to share that STFS has temporarily donated its 3D Printers to a local company who will be printing components for the NHS. We have also offered to donate science safety goggles and disposable gloves to the NHS to help with the shortage that they face. A small contribution, but one we feel is very important.

Yours faithfully,

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