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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update

A brief update before the half term break. Please make sure your child's schedule recognises the half term break. It is so important that they take a break and look after their physical and mental health. As I said previously, there is no further news regarding a return for those in Years 7, 8 or 9 and therefore we continue to assume this will be in September. Teachers will continue to set work for students after half term and we hope that further news for those in years 7, 8 and 9 will be available before the Summer holidays.

From 1st June, students in Year 9 will only need to complete work for their chosen GCSE options. We feel that this will help Year 9s manage their workload and allow them some time to consolidate their understanding of subjects they are taking in to Year 10 in September. I appreciate that some will have started work and they are free to complete it and send it in for feedback. However, staff will not be pressuring students to complete work unnecessarily.

Please remember that if your child is struggling in any way, please contact their form tutor in the first instance. All tutors have Microsoft Teams with their tutees, and a message can be sent to raise concerns. I know tutors are regularly checking in with students and that this has been well received by parents. We cannot underestimate the emotional impact of this situation on children, who generally by their very nature are extremely sociable. There are no set rules for adjusting to a pandemic; it may be worth reminding your child that they are coping extremely well with the situation and they should be very proud of their efforts, as should you.

I hope that you and your family remain healthy and I cannot thank you enough for the support and kind emails that have been coming through. These really do make the difference to my day.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Yours faithfully,

Neale Pledger
Headteacher

