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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Headteacher's Half Term Update

Our recent weather has made May feel much more like November; I hope that by the time the half term break starts we can all enjoy more pleasant weather and the warmth of the sun.

Well, I am sure you will agree it has been a busy time for everyone as things begin to return to a life that we remember. In school, things have been incredibly industrious. Students in Year 11 and Year 13 will have completed their final assessments from which teachers will compile their centre-assessed grades. There has been lots of media attention around this, but we are hugely confident in our fair and robust system. I would like to thank both students and staff for their phenomenal efforts and work during this tremendously busy time. Students have been able to complete courses and exams in a way that still gives them some closure to a challenging period of time. Both year groups have tackled this uncertain summer with a great sense of maturity and focus. We are so proud of their commitment and efforts, and we are looking forward to all students gaining the grades they truly deserve. We wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students our very best wishes and look forward to their next phase of education.

Can I also remind families how important it is to continue testing at home twice per week. Completing these tests do give schools and community the very best opportunity of restricting and containing any outbreaks or positive cases. Please inform the school of any positive cases so we can put our own track and trace plans in to operation. We continue to expect students to wash their hands before entering the building and regularly throughout the day and we will still be expecting students to wear face coverings as they move in between lessons. In total, this will be around 20-25 minutes per day. Please can hand sanitiser supplies be refilled for your child; this is such an important measure as students move around the building. Our students have supported our protective measures so well, and this has meant that their schooling has been uninterrupted outside of the national lockdowns. Thank you for all your support around our measures that keep all members of the school safe.

Disappointingly, the installation of our Wellbeing room has been delayed. The revised date will now see installation take place at the end of August. Once in place, students, families and staff will be invited to name the new building. This building really has been a community effort and the impact of it will be significant.



This half term has seen a return to sports fixtures. Post 16 boys were 4-2 winners over Shenley Brook End School. Another small sign that things are starting to return to something like normal. Young people being active and part of a team are two important ingredients in supporting their mental health. All teams represented the school impeccably and were once again great ambassadors for everyone at STFS.

We will welcome back students and staff on Monday 7th June at 8:35.

Yours faithfully,

Neale Pledger
Headteacher

