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Dear parent/carer,

Having now reached the end of the second term of the academic year, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support which has undoubtedly contributed to a very successful return to full time on-site education.

Despite the short period of time that the students have been on site, they have all returned full of enthusiasm and have shown real maturity during the recent asymptomatic on-site LFD testing, and are clearly so thrilled to be back. We are also proud that they have overcome any initial anxieties about returning to school.

Our focus since March 8th has been ensuring that your child has been able to gain confidence again in their learning and that routines and structure are re-established as well as ensuring that their overall wellbeing is supported.

I know that it has been a difficult time for year 11 to return with uncertainty about the situation with exams this summer and I commend the year group for the mature way all students have responded to this. We still await detailed information from the Joint Council of Qualifications however are now able to communicate further details about our assessment plans.

To enable us to build the best range of evidence to determine our grades, during the summer term, year 11 students will be asked to complete some assessment tasks in lessons. Although some of these will take place in April, the majority will be during two formal assessment weeks, from 4th – 14th May.

We are keen that students are aware of their upcoming assessments and we have given as much guidance and direction as we can, given the remaining national uncertainty. The purpose of these assessments is to ensure students have an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of their courses before their final grades are submitted to exam boards.

As I'm sure you understand, we will not be able to enter into any communication regarding the final grades submitted to the exam boards with students or parents and ask that you do not make enquiries or put teachers under additional pressure at this time. Exam boards are very clear in their message that teachers are to be given the space and have the responsibility to assess students as they see fit and I would like to thank you in advance for following this guidance.

To give as much clarity as possible, a summary of planned assessments can be found by students in the 'Year 11 Revision Plan' sharepoint. I will be sharing the electronic link with all year 11 students, via email, prior to the launch of the revision plan on Monday 29th March. Teachers will keep students updated about what they are working towards in their lessons and your child should also make sure they are following the revision plan. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish you a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing our students again on Monday 12th April.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Brown
Assistant Principal