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Dear Parent/Carer,

The half-term seems to have passed us by very quickly since the new year and lockdown began. Throughout this time, we have been partially open for the children of key workers and for vulnerable children. We have also delivered live lessons throughout which have been received extremely well and engagement from students has been very positive. Thank you for your patience, support and feedback throughout this period and well done to all of our students.

Following the success of the Year 10 Parents' Evening we will be hosting the Year 8 Parents' Evening virtually on Monday 8th March. Details for making appointments and connecting will be sent out in due course. Other Parents' Evenings scheduled for the Summer term will also be set up virtually.

In a previous letter I outlined the issues around some Inset Days that were scheduled for 19th April and 2nd July. Given this whole situation and 'lockdown' we have now planned those days to be at the end of the academic year. Therefore, school will close to students now on **Friday 16th July**. The impact of closing again in April and early July after such a period of non-attendance would have again impacted on the momentum we hope to regain as soon as possible when students return.

Regarding school return, currently we are expecting a return to school from March 8th. When we have clarity around who will return and when this will happen, I will communicate further. It is expected that more information will be given to schools on February 22nd which is two weeks before March 8th to allow for planning a safe return to school.

We continue to receive so many kind messages from parents/carers. It really does make the staff feel appreciated when you share with us these positives. The positive responses to the questionnaire were also appreciated.

I hope the wellbeing initiatives that have been implemented this week have been well received by students. We will review the impact of these and implement after half term if they have proved to be a success. Wellbeing questionnaires have been sent to students this week and those will help shape a further response.

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed reading the Teaching and Learning newsletters demonstrating all of the excellent work our students have produced over the past few weeks. Well done to the students for all of the contributions.

I will communicate again after half-term once we have clarity around school return for our students. Meanwhile, stay safe and have a restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely

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