



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. Since I last wrote to you at the start of last week we have been working really hard on two areas.

Primarily, staff have been developing our remote learning provision to offer more recorded content and the opportunity for students to have some 'live' engagement with their tutors. We hope that this has helped motivate and engage students in their remote learning offer. We know it's not the same as being in classrooms and in front of their teachers, but the power of online resources and thoughtful guidance from teachers can bring really good learning to students in their homes, and it is possible to minimise the 'loss' that students suffer. We remain ambitious in our intention to continue to provide really good quality remote learning, and would welcome your feedback on your son / daughter's current experience, especially over the last two weeks, as we continue to seek to develop our offer. Please take the time, if you're able, to complete this short survey, please copy and paste the entire link into your browser as if you hover over it you will only pick up half the link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wwKbEeKstEKPNgL1svSOdCSCcQNZuQBdKAgisuR8AB5URENGUFU5V0swSkZSWFk4REEwNFFGODVQMy4u>

Secondly, we have been preparing for the wider re-opening of the school to students in Years 10 and 12 from next Monday, and have been in direct contact with Year 10 and 12 parents regarding the arrangements for this. We are carefully stepping through the practicalities of our 'new world', and will continue to develop our practices to ensure that we are in the best possible position for September to welcome as many staff and students back onto site in a way that is safe. We know no more than you about what the return to school in September could look like, but will, of course, contact you once we have a sense of that and its implications for families.

A couple of other short notices at this stage:

- We have, this afternoon, become aware of a potential 'glitch' in Firefly where tasks may be being duplicated. This is currently being investigated, but to reassure you, we are aware of it and do not require students to complete the same work twice.
- As school begins to re-open, we would ask that Year 11 and 13 return any school textbooks by bringing them to Main Reception during the school day. They will be asked to drop them into boxes in the Main Hall where they'll be left for an appropriate amount of time before being processed. Wherever possible we would ask this to take place by the end of June.

As ever, our huge thanks for all that you are doing to support your children in their learning at home. Thank you for taking the time to complete the remote learning survey.

With every good wish,
Mr T Inman