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Dear Parent/Carer

Remote Learning Update

I would like to begin this letter by thanking you for your overwhelming support during this first week of remote learning and for supporting your child with his/her education. The engagement has been absolutely superb, with an exceptionally high uptake in remote learning. I have received much positive feedback from parents and carers, as well as students, reporting that the online system we have established now is considerably better than during the last lockdown. Staff have been really grateful for this encouragement and reassurance during such unprecedented times, as this is new to all of us. Students are generally finding it easier to engage in the work due, in particular, to the online face to face opportunities within each lesson. Remote attendance is so important in order that students and their learning are not disadvantaged during this challenging period of time.

Feedback

We are really keen to understand more about your experiences supporting your child with remote learning through the systems we have set up. Your feedback is invaluable and will help to inform us of how we can continue to develop and improve what we are delivering. I am mindful of the number of emails you are receiving from us, especially with requests to complete forms, but if you were able to return this very short survey on the quality of provision we would be really grateful. We are going to be carrying out a review at the end of this week to ensure that what we are delivering is as good as it can be and best meets students' and your needs going forward. The link can be found [here](#) and closes on Thursday 8.00 am. Many thanks once again. As ever, if you have questions or concerns of a specific nature, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader.

Progress Evenings and Remote Learning Expectations for all Students on those days

Over the next few weeks, despite the lockdown, we are continuing to hold Progress Evenings for several year groups. These will be on-line and bookable through the same system parents and carers use for when they come into school. More information for each year group will be sent to relevant parents shortly before each event, with details including how to book slots and how to log on, as well as what can be expected from a remote Progress Evening. The dates for each year group are as follows:

Year 11	Thursday 14 January	3.45 – 7.00 pm
Year 12 & 13	Thursday 21 January	3.45 – 6.00 pm
Year 10	Thursday 22 April	3.45 – 7.00 pm
Year 9	Thursday 28 January	3.45 – 7.00 pm
Year 8	Thursday 25 February	3.45 – 6.00 pm
Year 7	Thursday 11 February	3.45 – 6.00 pm

In order to safeguard the quality of the remote learning provision, as well as the parent appointments, and to consider the well-being of staff (who potentially could spend in excess of 10 hours on-line in front of a screen on each of these days), the remote learning for all students will look slightly different on each of the above dates. Teachers will set independent learning on Teams for the lesson 5 on each of the above dates and will not be there face to face on screen. The following day on the Friday morning, teachers will also set independent learning for lesson 1 to start at 8.45 am. Tutor time will take place at 9.45 am for all students and normal remote learning as you have experienced (with teachers delivering face to face provision) will resume from lesson 2. This will all be set up on Teams for each student, so all they need do is follow their calendar.

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As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



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