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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this week's letter with a huge "Thank You" to the whole school community. It has been extremely challenging for all concerned, with parents having to drop everything at the last minute to organise childcare and support home learning; teachers having to juggle delivering lessons in school with providing work for those at home; and cover for sick colleagues, and leaders having to ensure all systems and processes are in place; safety protocols are fit for purpose, and everybody is well supported and cared for.

I am sure we can all say that this week has been physically and mentally exhausting, and we are all looking forward to the weekend, but I have a real sense of pride for how well we have adapted and pulled together. Everybody, from the families at home to the staff and students at school, have pitched in to make this week work. The children have coped tremendously and have been a real joy online and in school.

### **Reports and Parents' Evening**

Despite Covid's best efforts to delay us, we are still on track to meet our deadlines. On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November the Year 10 students will receive a data report and the Year 8 students will receive a full written report. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Years 7, 9 and 11 will have a Parents' Evening.

As alluded to in my last letter, the Parents' Evening will have to be held remotely. Explanations and instructions of how to book appointment times with staff will follow by the middle of next week.

### **Plans moving forward**

We are very much dependent on the recovery rates of staff and whether the few still left standing succumb to the virus, but when factoring in return dates from isolation, we are planning to have all students returning from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. We appreciate that this will mean another week of home learning for the majority of you, but with only five qualified teachers available on site, we have little option.



Please work with your child to prepare them for this date and contact us through the school office if you need any help and support. As always I will communicate frequently to keep you informed and will write to you again in the middle of next week to provide you with an update.

As always, I hope you have a relaxing, safe and Covid free weekend.

Yours sincerely

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