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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well at this time. I wanted to follow up on the support letters that have been sent out to you from Mrs Garnett and Mrs Harrison regarding pastoral support, mental health and wellbeing. Both letters have outlined offers of any support for students that you need during this difficult time while the vast majority of students remain at home. Please don't hesitate to contact should your children need any support.

The Senior Team have been delighted with the remote learning engagement of the vast majority of our students. Engagement in all year groups has been very positive and live lessons from all staff members has supported engagement. Form Tutor time and assemblies are also being delivered live and we feel this is important for our students. Please encourage attendance at all of these sessions.

We received a draft consultation last week regarding how GCSE grades should be awarded this Summer. The consultation ends on 29th January and following that we will receive further information to guide school through the process which will be different to the centre assessed grades process from last year. Miss Szymura has written separately to share more details, but it is important Year 11s continue to work hard completing work and following individual teacher planned work and assessments.

Finally, the Year Achievement Managers coupled with individual staff are collating a Teaching and Learning Newsletter which exemplifies excellent work and engagement of our students. The first edition was shared last Friday, and more editions will follow through this lockdown period. We are all very proud of their hard work and the newsletter is just a small celebration of this at this difficult time. I would like to thank parents for your support and in particular for all of the notes and messages that have been sent to staff to praise the provision for your children. It is very much appreciated by all of us at the school.

Please contact us at the school via the usual channels should you wish to discuss anything or raise any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

