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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Welcome to our weekly update

In terms of what we have been experiencing over the last few months this week has been a relatively quiet week from the Department of Education. I hope I have not spoken too soon!

Y10 Parents' Evening.

Thank you to all the parents who logged in for Parents' Evening. There were a few technical glitches, but on the whole the evening was overwhelmingly positive with a 70% turn out. Thank you to the parent who took the time to email the following:

'Hello, please could you pass thanks onto all the Year 10 teaching staff who conducted the open night last night, giving their time so generously. We found the use of technology vastly improved the process of attending an open night too. Hope you all did too. Keep up the excellent work.'

Again, thank you to all the parents and students who attended and an even bigger thank you to those few parents who experienced technical glitches, especially for your patience.

Tutor time on Friday mornings.

Please encourage your child to log into their tutor period on Friday mornings at 8.50am. These tutor sessions are a wellbeing check-in, a chance for students to ask any questions and speak with their tutor and also the point at which we hand out whole school and subject based rewards, which are most definitely worth tuning in for.

Wellbeing week

KS3 students have been submitting photos to their tutor of the exciting things they have been doing in their lessons and additional activities such as baking, exercise and artwork. We will be showcasing these on in next Friday's tutor session and handing out a reward for the best photos. Please submit any you are proud of.

Lateral Flow Tests

Yes, we are still doing these on a Monday and Thursday. The Government guidelines have changed, and we are now testing staff twice weekly. The team administering these tests have conducted nearly 200 and are well versed. The next major milestone is that the Government would like us to test all students upon their return. If you have not done so already, could you fill out the consent form by Friday 12 February to let us know whether you would like or not like your child to be tested.

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Home learning

The on-line learning has been the major change to how students and teachers are working together and I have been amazed by the speed at which we have all adapted and the willingness of our staff to deliver live lessons. As with anything new, certain issues arise. I wrote last week to let you know that we have had some unacceptable behaviour. Unfortunately, we have seen this disgusting 'trolling' behaviour with several high profile footballers last week, but please rest assured that the two members of our school community and one from outside of our school community responsible for this week's awful episodes are now under police investigation. We take such behaviour very seriously and will always take appropriate and strict action against the tiny minority involved. I am sure you will all wish your children and our teachers to be able to work safely online. Thank you for supporting our staff and your children who remain dedicated to their education without disruption.

Y 9 students - Options timeline:

This is just a reminder for Y9 parents and students.

Options Booklets posted home from week beginning Monday 8/2

Virtual options event goes live Monday 8/2

Y9 Options for Careers Event Tuesday 2/3

Y9 Parents' Evening Wednesday 3/3

Options taster week 8/3

Options interviews week Mon 15/3

Trial run forms our Fri 19/3

Trial run Mon 22/3

As always take care and look after your loved ones.

Yours sincerely



Loz Wilson
Headteacher

