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Dear Parents/Carers,

Earlier in this term, we published a brief overview of the progress and engagement of every student in all subjects. Currently, each of your son/daughter's teachers will be completing a more detailed report which is being sent directly to your child's Firefly account.

The report aims to help:

- Pupils to reflect upon work that has been set during the lockdown period and identify where there are gaps in their own knowledge and understanding. The report also provides a link to resources recommended by subject teachers to make their knowledge more secure and to help pupils prepare for their return to school in September.
- Parents to know where the gaps are and to be provided with resources that may be helpful in supporting home learning.
- Staff in providing a diagnostic tool to identify curriculum areas, topics and knowledge that need revision and consolidation with each class when pupils return to school.

I would want to make sure we support every pupil in a way that is most beneficial. For some, a complete rest is needed; for others, this report might help home learning; for those who are the most behind, we will be offering a tuition service over the Summer holidays. As parents, we will be steered by you as to which is the best way forward. Come September, as a staff, we will ensure that all pupils are supported and provided with help to 'catch-up' if needed.

During the last week of term, I am asking staff to schedule 'phone calls or Zoom meetings (where this is preferred) to parents of pupils whose reports indicate that there are a significant number of gaps in knowledge. The purpose of these catch-up 'meetings' is to provide support and guidance as well as to answer any questions you may have. Mrs Kelly will be emailing those parents directly to arrange these catch-up meetings.

However, if you do not receive a personalised email, but would still wish to 'meet' any of the teachers to discuss your child's progress then please do not hesitate to book an appointment via the Parents Evening app on Firefly. I am conscious that it would be impossible to arrange meetings for all pupils and parents so there will be a limited number of slots available.

However, please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teacher(s) via email if you would like information and we cannot schedule an appointment. Further information about this will be sent shortly. We are, of course, also making plans for the safe return of all pupils and staff in September. I will be writing again to outline those plans but, in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact myself or any staff member directly if we can be of help.

With kind regards,

P Grice
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