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Dear Parent/Carer

Getting ready to return to learning in the classroom

We are pleased that our students will be returning to school soon and that we will be able to return to learning in the classroom. The purpose of my letter is to stress the importance of your child completing the work that teachers are setting over the next few weeks and to complete any outstanding work until we return to school. We fully recognise the challenges that learning at home have presented for some children, but with the knowledge that we will be back at school within the next few weeks, we hope that all students can embrace the remainder of remote learning as essential preparation for returning to school.

I have detailed a few important points to ensure a smooth and efficient transition back to learning in the classroom and ask that you go through this with your child.

1. The work students will be doing when they return to school will follow on from the work they are set in the next few weeks. Failure to complete it will impact on their examination progress.
2. If your child has had a negative experience with remote learning, try to emphasise that the end is in sight, they can do it and support is available if needed.
3. Make it clear to your child that work must be submitted for every lesson. It is worth reminding your child that we access reports from Satchel One that tell us exactly what they have and have not submitted.
4. Discuss how quickly the work will mount up over the next few weeks. Failure to complete one subject per day will result in at least 10 pieces of work to catch up on when returning to school, two a day will be 20 pieces of work to catch up on.
5. Write the date and title on all work. Students must be prepared to bring work to lessons to go through in class. Keeping work organised is essential.
6. There is an expectation that all students attend live lessons where feasibly possible. Attending live lessons will ensure that your child is covering everything they need to in preparation for returning to the classroom. If your child cannot attend a live lesson, they must message their teacher. Teachers download the attendance list at the end of every lesson.
7. All examination notes and revision materials should be completed for the work done during remote learning.
8. Ensure your child has all the school uniform and equipment needed for returning back to school. This will avoid any last-minute stress.

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On a further positive note, your child has the second of the two workshops we booked with the company Positively Mad on **Wednesday 24 February at 12.30pm**. I have already posted a reminder on Satchel One. Student feedback from the previous workshop was extremely positive. This second workshop is based around the area of resilience.

This highly popular workshop focuses on boosting students' mental, academic and emotional resilience along with overcoming challenges, confronting habitual thought patterns, developing growth mind-set, breaking down problems into manageable areas and adapting to adversity. Students will learn about the power of the brain and the importance of learning from their mistakes and using them as a platform to success. This workshop could not be timed any better in supporting your child and their return back to school.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a break from school work last week. I fully understand that your child learning at home has impacted on you and your family greatly. I know I am asking a lot of you to lead this final push with your child in the next few weeks, but checking that work is being submitted will support your child in the long term.

Please do contact me, your child's Head of Year or tutor, if you become aware that your child is not working so we can arrange to speak to your child and try to support.

Yours sincerely



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