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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed your Easter break and are keeping safe and well.

I am very aware that individual situations vary during a lockdown/social distancing situation but I would like to reassure you all that your child's welfare is our absolute priority. Please do remind your child of the tips we sent out last half-term (attached). In particular, we suggest that students find time for enrichment activities to supplement their work such as wider reading and activities to support their well-being, especially to get some exercise, if it is safe to do so. Also, helping your child to create a structure to their day will be a real help to them. We will provide more useful information about non-IT related learning over the next half-term.

I wrote to parents/carers and students of Yr11 and Yr13 last week informing them of the recently published public examination arrangements. However, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the commitment to supporting your children in their work prior to the Easter break and all your supportive communications. As we move into the Summer Term, taking into account recent experiences, our focus will change slightly for different year groups.

In the light of the guidance for public examinations we will not be requiring Year 13 students to complete A level or Vocational based work. However we will be guiding them in the direction of suitable resources which may be of help in preparing them for further study in their chosen subject or an alternative route.

For Year 11 students we will not be setting any further work in the GCSE courses but over the next half term, we will be starting transition work for those intending to study in our Sixth Form. This will be complemented with a personal development and careers programme linked to selected subjects and areas of study alongside Maths and English tasks. We will inform you as soon as this is live.

For students in Years 10 and 12 we will continue to set work as we have done already. However, the work will be adapted slightly to develop their knowledge and skills in preparation for Year 11 and 13 study. As I am sure you will agree, it is important to keep your child motivated and encourage them to use the time wisely before the re-opening of schools. Many of Year 12 on BTEC courses will

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have important coursework to complete. We ask that students make sure that they give this their full attention, correspond with their teachers and meet any deadlines set.

For students in Years 7-9 we will continue to set the work in accordance with last term's arrangements.

Finally, we understand the potential pressures on a family working from home to access devices and manage workload. We would like to reassure you that we are not expecting you to home school your child! We do however greatly appreciate, and thank you for, your support and encouragement so they are learning in an effective and meaningful way. Please be a supporter and encourager of your child especially in developing their independence. We use the term ASPIRE lots at school, please ask them what this mnemonic means and pay particular attention to Resilience in these difficult times. We know our students well and we know that they will rise to this challenge in a positive and proactive way.

Many thanks and good luck to everyone working from home,

Kind regards

Mr M Avoth

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