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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a good Easter and that you, your families and friends are well. We are already a week into the summer term and our third week of remote learning. We appreciate the emails that parents and carers are sending into school. Most families now seem to be able to access Class Charts and the early technical difficulties have been ironed out. Our IT team has done a great job at working through the technical issues that have come their way and have dealt with a large number of requests. As in all areas we are here to support you, so please do contact us if you still have problems accessing the work. Can I please reiterate that we are not able to enter into any discussion over the grading of Year 11 and Year 13 pupils. It is essential that we uphold the integrity of the system put in place by awarding bodies.

As I have said in previous letters, we do appreciate the challenges that working from home brings to many families. We continue to adapt how we set work and engage with pupils as the lockdown continues. The importance of Year 11 and Year 13 completing their courses in order to best prepare them for their future pathways remains.

We are looking at different ways of bringing more interaction between pupils and their teachers and are trialling the use of video and podcast as well as directing pupils to other external resources. We hope that the feedback we can give to pupils through Class Charts has proved to be useful.

We are aware that it is often a challenge to cover the quantity of work set and we will be rationalising the amount of work and giving as much guidance as possible on the amount of time that should be spent on a particular piece of work.

Each child and family have different circumstances and what may work for some does not always work for everyone. Within your own circumstances I know you will be doing all you can. We will continue to adapt in line with feedback we are receiving and are here to support individual pupils.

We continue to contact families via our Heads of House and support staff. These calls are to check that all is well and again offer any support that you may need.

You may have seen in the local press that a number of our staff and friends of the school have been making visors to support local organisations who have been having difficulties in sourcing PPE. They are a committed team based around our DT department who are reacting to local need. We are using our 3D printer to create the visors and have supported hospitals, care homes, hospices and doctors' surgeries. I know you will join with me in thanking them for their work. It has made a real difference to many.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Steve Lewis
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