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Dear Parent/Carer

Term 4 – Returning to School

I hope that this letter finds you and your wider family well despite the challenges of the Covid-19 lockdown and home learning. If there are any immediate concerns regarding the work your children are currently undertaking, we are here to help. Support and guidance are always available via the relevant Progress Team for your child via the dedicated email addresses available on our website.

As you are aware, the Prime Minister has indicated that schools return may start on Monday 8 March. Currently, this date and the details of how schools will return have yet to be confirmed. However, I want to reassure you that as soon as we have any further information, we will be in contact to explain how our school return will happen.

I am sure that you have concerns about your children and the time they have spent out of the classroom. Staff share those concerns and have been planning how best to work with students on their return to address those concerns. To enhance the work that will go on in the classroom we have recently appointed five Academic Tutors who will work with identified small groups of students to support catch-up learning. We will be planning with them the specific work that they will undertake across KS3 and KS4.

I am sure that students are looking forward to returning to school. Staff very much want to return to face-to-face teaching. We will continue our robust health and safety practice at school enhanced by the testing that we can effectively carry out on site.

For those students in Year 11 detailed planning is taking place to enable staff to award grades that are fair and reflect the ability of each student. Details confirming that process will be sent to each Year 11 student once the outcome of the Ofqual consultation process has been published by the Government. In the meantime, Year 11 students must continue to attend all their virtual lessons and complete all assignments set by staff.

Whilst we await further announcement from the Government may I take this opportunity to send my best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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