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Dear Parents and Carers

As our school closes for the half term break I again wish to thank you for your continued support and patience. We have learnt many lessons this half term with how best to manage the pandemic, and we will continue to make tweaks to in school processes. From November 2nd we will amend the school day slightly so that we do not lose valuable learning time in the final lesson of the day. Period 2, which is currently the lesson before lunch will be shorted by 5 minutes, and this will be added to period 3. School start and finish times will of course remain the same.

When we return after the break we will continue to focus on setting high standards. I will be asking Heads of Year and Form Tutors to focus on uniform, with specific focus on earrings, make up and trainers. So many of our pupils look exemplary; please do not be upset if we ask for your support in ensuring your child looks as smart and prepared for learning as they can be.

I will begin meeting all Year 11 students as soon as we return, to ask them how their first term back in school has been, check on their progress and engagement in learning and discuss their next steps after they leave our school. We have been proud of the level of personal responsibility shown by so many of our pupils over the past half term, and I am sure that this will continue.

You will be aware that our region has now been moved into a Tier 3 Lockdown. Please can I ask that you follow the guidance issued to everyone in our region. Over the half term should you or your child test positive for COVID-19 we do still need you to inform school. Should this be the case please email stmonicas@bury.gov.uk and clearly state the day that symptoms developed and the day a positive test was confirmed. This information is vital to local track and trace procedures.

As ever, we as a community need to remain socially responsible during this time. I shared with pupils in assembly this week that being Catholic means to serve others. I hope that you and your families enjoy a deserved break, and we will look forward to seeing our pupils again on Monday November 2nd.

Yours faithfully

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