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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you again for your support of our school during challenging times. Next week all pupils who have been isolating will return to school over the period of a few days – we are very much looking forward to seeing them again.

We are now moving towards the final weeks of this half term, and I need to share with you plans for the final week of the half term, and how we will operate our first parents evening of the term for our Year 11 pupils.

School will close to all pupils at 12:30 pm on Thursday October 22nd for the half term break. Staff will use Show My Homework to set work for all pupils for the afternoon session, this will ensure that pupils do not miss out on learning time due to the early closure. Friday October 23rd is a staff training day. Pupils will return to school on Monday November 2nd.

The Year 11 parents evening will also take place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday October 22nd, and staff will be available for an appointment between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm. This will be held online, and we will share with all Year 11 parents a guide as to how this will be facilitated effectively at the beginning of next week. Parents will be able to book times with teachers through a weblink, and this link will be shared next Friday. We will be asking both staff and parents to keep to their meeting times, and I am sure I can count on your support with this. Should this be a success we will then begin planning other events, as I am very much aware that many year groups have not had parents' evenings or an equivalent for some time due to the pandemic.

From next week we will look to amend some of our in-school routines. Pupils will no longer be escorted to their social spaces by staff, though we will ensure there remains strong supervision on all corridors during circulation time. We will also amend some of our lunch routines. Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 will still eat lunch in classrooms each day, whereas Years 10 and 11 pupils will now continue with their learning until 1:10pm. We have found that the vast majority of older pupils prefer to eat lunch with their friends. We are also in the process of planning how best to increase the delivery of practical experiments in Science, using secure COVID guidance. We hope this will improve this provision, and I know the Science staff are looking forward to bringing this back for the pupils. Mrs Keenan will lead assembly with all pupils on Monday to reiterate any amendments we are making and our expectations of pupils.

I will of course continue to provide you with updates next week. Thank you again for your support and patience.

Yours faithfully

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