



15th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Update – Spring Term 2

I would like to thank everyone who has shared positive comments with OFSTED, on Twitter and direct messages to us over the last week. It has been uplifting to receive this acknowledgment and we are grateful for parents' empathy, encouragement and support.

Remote Learning

After a second week of remote learning, parents will have received an [update](#) from Miss Bigden, Head of Teaching & Learning, which included some information on assessment and feedback to students over the coming weeks and also invited feedback from students and parents on our remote learning provision, so far. We will use this feedback to consider any further changes. As far as we are aware, every student is now able to access remote learning with a suitable device and internet connection. Parents may find it helpful to know that a [games console](#) (e.g. X-Box, Playstation) can be used for this purpose, if needed.

College VI Guidance Interviews

These were due to take place after Year 11 Mock Exams and although students have not been able to take exams at this time, we will still hold guidance interviews this half term to support students in their decision-making and provide advice and guidance, as necessary. We shall schedule online guidance interviews using Google Meet on 26th & 27th January 2021 between 2.30 – 4.00pm. Students will be advised of their individual appointment time in due course.

Consultation on Awarding of GCSEs & A Levels

The Department for Education and Ofqual are expected to publish their consultation on how GCSEs and A Levels will be awarded this year today. We shall share it with Year 11 and Year 13 students and their parents when it is published – please keep an eye out for it.

Supporting Mental Health & Wellbeing

The pandemic and associated continued restrictions continue to affect our lives. It is hard to gauge the full impact the situation is having on young people's mental health and wellbeing, but we are committed to supporting families through these challenging times and have adapted our ways of working. Juggling working from home whilst supporting your child's home learning has been a challenge for many families (including our own staff) and it is, therefore, important that we all find time to unwind and for self-care. Our [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) page is regularly updated with useful information, guidance and easy, ready-to-use resources and strategies. Please do have a look – there is something for everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey
Principal