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Dear Parent/Guardian

I'm writing today to share with you some of the changes that we are making to our online provision in light of the feedback provided from our learners in our recent online learning survey.

We continue to be very proud of the provision that we provide and the results of our survey are very pleasing. The commitment that our young people have shown towards their studies is commendable, especially during these strange times. We are delighted to have such high levels of engagement and are particularly pleased with how well our learners are responding to feedback from their teachers and taking ownership of their learning. As always, however, we are keen to act upon any feedback and adapt our provision to ensure we can meet the needs of all of our learners.

Extending Breaks and Reducing Screen time

We have listened to our young people when they have told us that working at a screen all day is tough and that they would appreciate further support to help them manage their own wellbeing. As a direct result of the survey analysis, we have extended both break and lunch times and have moved all learners to second lunch. This ensures that our learners now have their screen time spaced out evenly, and provides decent length breaks in between to engage in activities to support their wellbeing. Once a return to school has begun the timings of the school day will revert back.

Wellbeing Day – March 12th

To help our learners understand better how to look after their own wellbeing, we are dedicating Friday 12th March as a 'Wellbeing Day' for learners. Form tutors will provide a suite of wellbeing activities for your child to choose from. These activities are all linked to the '[5 Ways to Wellbeing](#)' tool that supports positive mental health and wellbeing. Your child can choose as many of these as they wish and can, of course, choose their own activities too.

The decision to hold a wellbeing day has come from the analysis of our learner survey coupled with the fact that a return to school is imminent for all year groups. We would like to celebrate the resilience and determination that our young people have shown over this extended period of online learning, and to reward them with a well-deserved day to spend boosting their own wellbeing by reflecting upon their achievements and taking some time out to recharge and prepare for their return to school.

Mrs Sutton will be in touch early next week with further details regarding the return to school for each year group. We are very much looking forward to seeing your child back in school, whilst it has been great to maintain communication online, we have missed the face-to-face experience. Once all learners are fully back in school, we will continue to use MS Teams as a platform for setting and feeding back on homework. We will continue to run professional development for staff with online learning as we recognise the importance of being able to provide a high level of education for our learners wherever they are learning.

Yours faithfully

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