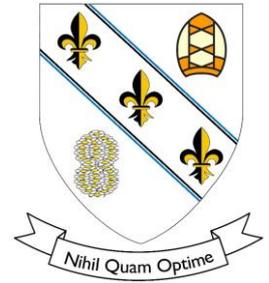


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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

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Update 5

This is my final letter before the half-term break starts and I should like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your resilience and patience.

This period has given us all the opportunity to reflect on what makes this community strong and resilient and I think that we have much to continue to be grateful for.

Our pupils have, overwhelmingly, engaged very well in our offer. We think it's important that you have been informed when there have been no submissions or no work and I would like to reassure you again that when lockdown is over, we will remove negative marks from ClassCharts.

We have been spared the difficulties that many schools have had because our rates of infection have been very low. There are many benefits to living in a rural and dispersed area. There are advantages in sparsity; transmission of the virus is more difficult when there are few meeting places, public transport is poor and people enjoy more space.

We have sent the data you provided about broadband to Selaine Saxby MP and hope this will help underline that more must be done to highlight that we need full access to this vital utility. It's important for our sustainability.

We will be holding Year 7 parents evening on Thursday 4th March and Year 9 parents evening on Thursday 18th March. Further details regarding bookings will be sent out after half term.

Pupils and families have shown much independence during this period and I hope that you have found that this has been matched by a determination from the staff to give good provision.

Site staff are continuing to do a great job tidying up and redecorating areas of the College.

We've continued to work hard on communication; you will see further Remote Education Bulletin and Year 11 Careers Bulletin today. Thank you for keeping yourselves up to date – there is much to tell you.

We also need your feedback. We would ask you to please complete the Remote Education Survey regarding our offer that we have already sent today so that we can consider your comments. We are not perfect (although we would like to be) and are always looking for ways to improve.

Finally, if you get the opportunity to take a break, I hope it is a good one. Please encourage your children to unwind, relax and recharge batteries for the next half-term. I recommend chat, reading, exercise, good food and sleep as well as less screen time next week.

Yours faithfully

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