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Dear Parent/Carer,

Today we are hosting our Professional Development day for staff, hence no work has been set for students. It feels right to share with you some of the themes that are dominating staff behind the scenes, alongside supporting remote learning. Please encourage your children to take part in next week's virtual sports week, it should be lots of fun.

Much work has gone into providing transition material for our new Year 7 cohort, including videos and work packs for Year 6 students who are not able to benefit from the expected transition day and evening. Our new school timetable has now been written, with the inclusion of separate lunches for the different Key Stages for 2020/21. Perhaps the most complex piece of work is around how we are adapting our curriculum for next year, tailoring it to provide the best possible experience we can for children who have been away from school for several months. We are working hard to ensure our students are provided with a curriculum that suits them individually and diminishes the impact of this unexpected and unwanted hiatus in their education.

Our Year 11 students are now awaiting their grades, we will be getting information out to you soon on how the results day will work and what they can expect on this crucial day of their educational lives. Uniform changes have now been shared and I am particularly excited to see the new ties on display! In addition to this work we are planning the move from the old sports centre to the new build. At present it is approximately 5 weeks behind schedule, due to the impact of the pandemic. We are still hoping to move in by late September, depending on good progress over the few months.

I would like to urge all Year 10 students to ensure they are at their sessions each week, they have been prioritised by the government for a reason and it is paramount they attend each session in which they are invited. In addition we will be inviting a further small group of students in over the next few weeks, this will be shared with those identified individually over the next week.

To conclude this communication I would like to highlight the numerous celebratory events of the next few weeks. Many of you would have seen and heard our book reading, which has been a great start to the final month of the year. I can assure you that there will be several more celebrations and I am certainly looking forward to congratulating individuals for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you once again for all your support and kindness.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Graham  
Headteacher