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Dear Parent/Carer,

A very good afternoon to everyone, it seems like only yesterday since I was writing to you. However, there have been some slow mornings in between for those home schooling I am sure. There is little change from last week in terms of the Government advice and we appear to be strangely getting used to a 'new normal'. I for one am pleased that food shopping is not so much of a worry now, one anxiety we could all do without.

A huge thank you to all year 8 families returning their options forms so promptly, it's very pleasing for us to be able to get the options sorted ready for our return. We will be in touch when they are finalised, I know a great deal of options work has already been completed.

We are making some changes with regard to Pastoral Care at the school and over the next few weeks Miss Bartoletti and I will be outlining some exciting developments. The phased return to school is clearly going to dominate our thoughts and the news over the next few weeks. As soon as I have anything definite I will of course be in touch.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring home learning deadlines are met, the new system has been well received by students and staff. My thanks to you for supporting and encouraging your children, when I am sure this is no easy task in some cases. Following a parental request, we have produced a book list for the majority of KS4 courses along with the relevant exam boards (Year 9 & 10), and for English (all year groups). Students in Year 10 may already have some of the revision guides listed here.

We are currently unable to arrange for purchases via the school, so purchases must be made by parents and sent directly to your home. Low cost copies are readily available on Amazon and Ebay, just search with the ISBN number. CGP books can be purchased directly from the publisher at www.cgpbooks.co.uk but there is a delivery charge of £3.95 for orders under £30 (free if over).

I have no further new school build updates, other than to say the timeline is broadly on track. Finally, please do encourage your children to stay well connected, to look out for their friends and remain physically active through this phase of their lives. I continue to think of all the families who have been so deeply affected and do hope more positive times are ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Graham
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