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Dear Parent/Carer.

I hope that the last two weeks have been as positive as they possibly could have been during these testing times. As a school we are fully understanding of the daily juggle so many of you are facing, supporting your children with their education, whist at the same time often attempting to juggle your own work commitments. Whilst being understanding of the difficult situation I would like to remind you that all students should be completing the work being set them to the best of their ability over the coming weeks.

As we enter the Easter break no new work will be set for students during this period and therefore this will provide students with the opportunity to catch up with any work that they are still to complete. I want to make it clear that work does not necessarily have to be completed using an online medium and good old fashion pen and paper is 100% acceptable. It may be that students cannot always upload their work to submit back to the teachers and once again this is fine also. Perhaps take a photograph of the completed work and email this through instead. Whatever works for you as a family, works for us as a school during this testing time.

Teaching staff are on hand to support you throughout this period of school closure and they will do all they can to accommodate your requests and remove any barriers to your child's learning.

Staff are continuing to work hard on moderating Year 11 grade collections and we as a school are awaiting further guidance from OFQUAL and the government before deciding on the final grades that will be submitted to the Department for Education.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the many supportive messages we have received as a school and hope that we can continue to support you all to the best of our ability. Please can I ask you to have a read of the school's Easter Newsletter if you have not done so already, this can be found on the school website. I have also included four attachments that I thought might be useful for you to read over the Easter break:

- Home Learning Advice
- COVID information for 8-14 year olds
- COVID information for younger students
- Information on good mental well-being during isolation

Yours faithfully

Matt Hall

Head of School

