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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the end of term almost upon us, I wanted to write to you to tell you how impressed I have been with Year 12 and Year 13 students' response to the unprecedented events this year.

School has been a very different environment to what students have been used to. There have been a number of challenges that students have had to face. Sixth Form students have risen to this challenge and showed a mature and caring approach towards each other and their staff.

It has been a difficult term for all of us but I wanted to tell you how proud the students have made me by their exceptional attitude. Sixth Form students have focussed on their studies and future and have set an example to others.

On a different note, I also wanted to remind you that we will be having Pre-Public Exams (formerly called Mocks), for Year 12 and Year 13 students, on the week commencing 25 January. **During this week students will be on stand down and must only attend school for a scheduled exam.** Due to maintaining our bubble for the exams, there will be no space for students to work in school. However, a room will be provided for students who have two exams in one day, where it is not possible for them to return home between exams.

Given the ever changing picture in Education, I advise all students to take these exams seriously and ensure that they are adequately prepared. Whilst it is important that students revise thoroughly, it is also important to give themselves permission to take some time off over the holidays, so that they can relax.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me and may I take this opportunity to send my best wishes to you all this Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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