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Dear Parent/Carer

Teaching & Learning Survey Results

I would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the parent survey about home learning.

Reading your comments and responses reminds us that we are all going to have a wide range of different circumstances and experiences. We will all have challenges that we are facing on a daily basis. It is really important that we remember by working together and by showing an understanding of the pressures that we are all working under, we can get through this. Also importantly that students are impressing staff with their work, their communication and engagement. Please be assured that teachers are working hard to ensure material that is set is engaging and relevant.

From the answers and comments you gave us, the majority of responses felt that the amount of work was the correct quantity and level for their child. Also that the majority of students had been able to complete the set tasks. With access to IT and its use again the majority responded that they felt it was working for them.

The areas that you would like us to look at are:

- More feedback for a student on their progress.
- Live/interactive lessons.
- More contact from tutors and subject teachers.
- No deadlines at weekends.

Update on Areas Raised

- **More Feedback:**
Teachers have been asked to ensure that this is prompt and happens across the work that has been submitted or a student requires feedback on their studies.
- **Live/interactive lessons:**
At this point in time we are not able to provide live lessons due to a number of concerns including accessibility for all students and safeguarding. I would also note that while some parents would like "live lessons", other parents have stated that their child/children would find this difficult for a number of reasons. There is no "one size fits all" solution to home: school learning however, I can assure you that all teachers are working hard to ensure that the work set is clear, engaging and fully resourced. Staff have been completing training this week on adding audio and video capture into their resources which will help students to be able to get more instruction and close guidance on their set work. Subject Leaders have developed resources bespoke for the current Year 9 so that they can start studying towards their September 2020 Option subjects for the remaining weeks in this Summer Term. We have also asked subject teachers to increase the amount of contact with their students by a variety of communication methods.

- **More Positive Emails/Rewards:**

Teachers are still using the achievement system so students will get ACE points and Email postcards for their work and contributions and at the time of writing, the totals of ACE points/post cards are broadly similar to what we would experience at this stage of the term had we been in normal times. Teachers have been asked to include this as part of the feedback process.

- **Helping to stay connected:**

Tutors will be ensuring that they are making regular contact with their tutees using their choice on email and telephone. This also includes the House System which has increased the range of opportunities for students to enter competitions and continue to contribute towards the House System.

Please continue to let us know how we can help. Whilst we might not be able to meet all of your requests, we will try. As we move towards the end of the term, we will continue to review our practice and will react accordingly depending upon what announcements are made regarding the start of the new academic year in September. Thank you for all the messages of support that you have been offering towards the teaching staff and please continue to communicate with us.

Yours sincerely

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