

31st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As the module ends and the curtain comes down on an extraordinary term I would like to give thanks to you all for your support for the school during these continued challenging times. I am sure we would all like to think the lockdown period is over once and for all but it is of course perfectly possible that we will be working remotely again at some point but hopefully not. If that is the case the experience of this term has shown that we will cope. We have been reminded, as if we needed to be, how strong we are as a community, how capable our students are and how creative we can be when we need to be. We certainly have lived our motto of Achieving Together!

This week we have spent some time reflecting the last year and the ups and downs. Credit goes to the students on the hard work in lessons along with the Covid19 school restrictions. I have visited a number of lessons and have been very impressed with the dedication and diligence. Several groups have been reviewing the concept of what makes us happy. These discussions form part of our "future you" programme and we have been impressed by the response and level of discussions.

Thank you to our teachers and all staff for making everything work so well so far this year. It has been another extraordinary term and required all our staff to undertake new tasks which have not previously been part of their professional roles - notably on-line live teaching and planning and operating a large Covid testing centre.

The Covid home testing programme is working well and I urge you to continue supporting this over the Easter break. Please ensure we are following the guide in the letter sent out early in the module.

As the weather turns and we move into the summer season we are now focusing on getting back to normal. Students will not be allowed to wear coats in lessons after Easter and there will be a strong focus on uniform expectations. Students and parents are reporting that they support the wearing of the PE kit on days where students have PE. We are aiming to continue this into next year. To support this move, we are also adding a PE hoodie to the PE kit. This will be available from Uniform Direct soon.

Have a lovely Easter break

Yours

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