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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to send you our Well Being Newsletter. Please take some time to read through it - there are some great tips for parents and children alike.

Having completed my first half term at Cleeve Park, I have been pleased to meet with staff and discuss how we can move forward post-Covid. There will be lots to do to try to close the educational and social gap that has grown during this latest lockdown period. Whilst there are many things that we will choose to leave behind after this is over (facemasks spring to mind), there are some aspects of Covid Education that I think we can learn from and use in the future. Student use of the Google platform has been transformational, and our online parents evening for year 9 was a resounding success. We will be scheduling further evenings for the other year groups as the parent/teacher relationship is vital to keeping our young people on track.

In addition to the welfare calls, you may have also had contact regarding the engagement of your son/daughter in the work being set. I fully understand the pressures of working from home and monitoring your child and thank you for supporting the school in ensuring they keep on track. For our older students in particular it is vital that we build up a range of evidence that shows the ability of your child. We are yet to have firm clarification of what will be required so we must ensure that there is as much high quality evidence as possible and for our younger students they need to be ready to learn when we return, and it will be made much harder if not everyone is up to speed.

We have listened to your views and suggestions regarding home learning. I hope you will agree with me that we have grown our online learning to ensure that all students are provided with suitable "live" teaching interaction with their class teachers. Our welfare calls have ensured that all students have been contacted throughout the term and we are closely monitoring the engagement of students with the work being set via Google Classroom.

I am extremely grateful for the messages of positive feedback and support of the staff. These are always shared with the relevant staff and I cannot tell you the boost that it gives us to hear that you recognise the great work that is happening.

At the time of writing this letter we await further guidance from the Department for Education in regards to our phased reopening to students and how we will be able to support the GCSE and A-Level outcomes for our Year 11 and 13 students. I expect to be able to update you on both of these in the first week back.

I hope that you are able to remain safe this half term and I thoroughly recommend some screen down time for all.

Yours faithfully

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