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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another very busy half term. As students begin their slightly extended break the staff begin the process of marking and moderating the GCSE and A Level assessments. This process has been challenging for students and staff; schools around the country have had to set, mark, moderate and now arrive at final formative grades. We have until 18 June to complete the work and submit to the examination boards. We have followed the guidance given to all schools and we are confident that there have been multiple opportunities for our students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

In step with the nation, we are slowly moving towards more normal school routines and one of the changes will be that the dining rooms will re-open for lunches after Easter. There is more detail at the end of my letter. Entrances to school for students will revert to using the West and North doors (the one by the Studio Dining room and the one by the Gym). We will continue to have waiting areas designated for year groups but students will then move to form rooms; these will be the rooms assigned for next academic year and therefore we can start to allocate lockers again. If the changes nationally go well then after the 21 June we will move to a normal timetable where students will move to specialist teaching rooms for lessons. Obviously this will be a really big change for Year 7 but will allow them to find their way round school while there are fewer students in the building. We are also hoping that some clubs and societies can begin to operate again after the half term break. Again, there is more detail at the end of my letter.

Year 13 were able to have a socially distanced stand down assembly with speeches from the Head Prefect Team and me, a song from the members of Chamber Choir in Year 13 and one of the famous Ms Stevens slideshows. Year 11 also stood down and the school were treated to a number of good natured ironic quotes and photos – Mr Bettison will be remembered!

The students across school have been incredibly generous over this half term and we have collected money for the Senior Citizens Party (this will be a remote event), the disaster fund for Covid related support in India and finally UNICEF's Humanitarian Action for Children appeal, as part of our response to the tragic events in the Middle East.

I really hope that you are continuing to read our Camp Hill Chronicle, this showcases all the best things about our school and students and the way in which they support our community and the wider community. We advertised for the next cohort of budding journalists to support the production of the Chronicle in the coming academic year and Mrs Neal was delighted with the positive response, we could have several teams working on this!

Attached to this letter are two important communications regarding Birmingham's New Clean Air Zone (beginning Tuesday 1 June) and online safety support for parents.

We are hoping that infections continue to fall, thank you again for your support with the measures we have taken this term and for the twice weekly returns on the LFD tests, these really help us to build a picture of what is happening beyond our school community.

And of course a quote:

"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

F. Scott Fitzgerald, the Great Gatsby

Take care

Mrs Linda Johnson, Headteacher

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There are a few changes for how we would like to start the next half term:

The school day itself

- Students should have arrived at school by 8.45am – and they should use entrances at the rear of the school. Students will have to wait in their bases as follows:
 - Year 7: Gym
 - Year 8: Studio
 - Year 9: Dining Room
 - Year 10: New Form Rooms (rooms 16 - 18, 8 - 10)
 - Year 12: Sixth Form block common rooms
- School lunches will be able to be brought from the Dining Room and no longer have to be ordered in advance. Students will be given the opportunity to go into the Dining Room to purchase their lunch in a staggered time slot and then take their lunch outside (if the weather is dry) or to their Form Room (if the weather is wet) to eat. If students would prefer to bring their own packed lunch they can continue to do this.

Uniform

- Students should be wearing their school uniform or Sixth Form dress code. Students should not be wearing hoodies or to school.
- Students will be allowed to wear their school kit on the days they have PE or Games to avoid having to use changing rooms. Trainers are only allowed to be worn on days students have PE. We will keep you updated if the guidance on this changes.

Timetable changes

- Almost all students will be able to use their lockers in their Form rooms after half term, with the exception of Year 9 who will be able to use their lockers in the Main locker area. This will allow students to store their belongings away during the school day.
- Students will move to their new Form Room after half term. This change is reflected on their timetable and all students have been made aware of these changes.
- Specialist classrooms, such as labs, will be able to be re-introduced for students gradually as we have additional space in school now that Year 11 and Year 13 have completed their studies. We are looking forward to students being able to enjoy more of the school building.

Coronavirus testing

- A reminder that twice-weekly lateral flow tests need to be taken and reported to both NHS Test and Trace as well as to school in order to manage the spread of the virus.
- Please remember to advise us if your child is unwell and is waiting on a PCR test result. If your child displays any symptoms of Covid then they should remain at home until a PCR test result shows negative.

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Mental Health and Wellbeing support

Mental Health support, including supporting your children as parents: [Young Minds](#)

Free, safe and anonymous support through Kooth: [Here](#)

School health texting service for parents is available, which is a private and confidential helpline through the School Health Support Service: 07480635485

Financial Support

Please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you circumstances have changed and you need our support or click on the link here for further information: [Here](#)

Parenting Support

Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) have shared the fantastic "From Birmingham with Love" courses for parents on bereavement, mental health and so much more: [BCP Link](#)

SEN Support

Birmingham Local Offer has regular updates via their new website for support for parents of children with SEN: [Here](#)

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