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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

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Dear parent or carer,

I wrote last week to inform the school community of our change in approach to wearing face coverings in communal areas, as part of the new national restrictions and lockdown, that began on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The response of the students has been impressive. They have once again shown a mature attitude to the new rules, which has ensured that the calm and purposeful environment established in the first half term has continued.

We have tried since September to adapt and adjust to new ways of working and keep the school experience for all students, as near to normal as possible. We organised our Equalities Day last year with lots of positive feedback from parents, carers and students. Equalities Day this year will be next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Mr Miles is emailing parents and carers separately with further detail, but I would like to thank everyone that has contributed to making it happen, for their commitment and flexibility in delivering this important message, in a different style and way.

Mock Exams for Y11 and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students begin in the next couple of weeks. We will be writing to students / parents and carers separately regarding arrangements. Our planning continues to balance current government information that confirms written exams will go ahead in the summer, albeit at a slightly later time, with the need to prepare for a potential change in direction. We continue to monitor the situation and will share information as and when it is announced.

After clarification from the DfE we are pleased to let you know that extra-curricular activities **will be** allowed to continue during the current lockdown. The DfE and Local authority have acknowledged the importance of physical exercise and the opportunity to be active. Especially given the current suspension of all grassroots sport activity. Mr Mack will be writing to all parents and carers separately with the updated extra-curricular timetable.

Best wishes

Jim Roberts Head teacher



















