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Dear Parent/Guardian

This is just a short letter to thank you all for your efforts over the last half term. I appreciate that many of you have found this situation extremely demanding and have worked very hard to overcome challenges with student motivation and maintaining engagement with home learning. Despite this, there has been a 'real' commitment and effort demonstrated by our students.

After half term we will be displaying subject area student work on our website. This will give you a real insight of some of the quality work produced by our students over the first half term. In relation to this, we are also launching our new website in the next few weeks.

This week the Sports Challenge event has taken place with some impressive entries. Well done to all those students, staff and parents who have participated. At the time of writing, the event is turning into a close and exciting competition between the Houses.

Half Term Week

The school building will be closed to staff and students during this week. This will allow a deep clean to take place. As always, any safeguarding concerns over the half term break should be referred to the Essex Children's Safeguarding Board on 0345 6037627. For non-urgent matters, please email safe@hedingham.essex.sch.uk which will be checked once every 24 hours by the designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Nash.

If a child or young person is in immediate danger, call 999.

If you have any additional queries, the school will operate a phone service from 9.00 to 1.00 pm each day.

Covid-19 Guidance

If your child is attending school for on-site provision, please ensure that you inform the school of a positive Covid-19 test result. This should be reported through the normal Covid email address: covidreporting@hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Close contact tracing will need to take place if the student has developed symptoms or tested positive within two days of being at school.

The guidance still remains in relation to symptoms and testing:

'If your son/daughter develops any of the Covid symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, then please seek a test as soon as possible. Do not send the students to school. In the instance your son/daughter is unwell and you are unsure of whether the symptoms are Covid related, please see medical advice (NHS 119).'

Dates for Diary

Year 11 Academic Review Day:

Monday 22 February 2021

(The appointment system will go 'live' on Wednesday 17 February at 9.00 am). If you are unable to attend the meeting via your child's Teams account, then please continue to make the appointments but let the teachers know it will be by phone and not a video chat. Any technical issues, or you are unable to book an appointment, please email: ICTTECH@hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Year 13 Internal Assessment Week:

Monday 22 February – Friday 26 February 2021

Year 9 Parents' Evening: (Guided Choice)	Thursday 4 March 2021
Year 11 Internal Assessment Week:	Monday 15 March – Friday 19 March 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening:	Thursday 18 March 2021
Year 13 Academic Review Week:	Monday 22 March – Friday 26 March 2021
Year 8 Parents' Evening:	Thursday 22 April 2021
Year 7 Parents' Evening:	Thursday 13 May 2021

As you can see, we have a busy schedule ahead of us over the next half term. We are all hoping that there will be a gradual re-opening of the school to students next half term. As yet, we have not received any information related to this and the situation is being monitored carefully.

We should receive some clarity the first week back as there is a scheduled announcement by the Prime Minister which hopefully will give us an indication of a way forward.

Finally, I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. It is an opportunity to try and 'switch off' from the daily demands of Home Learning. I appreciate that we all deserve a break after an intense 'six' weeks. I would like to thank you all for your efforts in trying to keep your son/daughter motivated and engaged in learning. I had the pleasure of interviewing a number of Year 11 students this week as they pursue their next step into Post-16 Education. It was an absolute delight to listen to their ambitions and thoughts for the future, presented with real optimism and positivity. It not only reminded me that we have some fantastic young people at Hedingham School, but also highlighting that there is a 'brighter' future ahead.

Thank you and stay safe!

Yours sincerely



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