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Dear Y10 & Y12 Parent/Carers,

A very quick update:

We were delighted with the very high attendance rates in both year groups in our first week of wider opening. Each student now has access to one day per week face to face contact for the rest of this term, complementing their continued remote learning. Thank you for your very positive feedback on these arrangements.

Secondly, before the end of term, you will have received a phone call from your child's form tutor as a pastoral/wellbeing check. We will be in contact with students soon with a booking sheet, rather like we do for parents' evenings. The call is likely to be no more than 10 minutes per family, perhaps 5 minutes with the parent/carer and 5 minutes with the student. The focus will be on making pastoral contact rather than exploring academic progress, addressing questions such as how both you and your child have adapted to life in lockdown, what has worked well and what has presented challenges. We would like to hear how students are making the best of the current situation and discuss any obstacles as they prepare for what we hope will be a return to something like normal in September.

In addition, we will be completing a report for each student, close to our usual format but with adjustments in the absence of regular classroom teaching.

Lastly, based on the weather forecast, we suggest that students do not wear their school blazer/jacket to school for the rest of this week. Please let your child know of this temporary relaxation in arrangements. The heat is forecast to subside over the weekend so next week is likely to be back to full school uniform.

Best wishes,

Steve Elphick