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Dear Families,

As the end of the Spring term draws to a close, I wanted to write with a reflection on the term for all families and to outline our key priorities for next term.

Students have been back to on site learning for just over three weeks, and have adapted extremely well. Both they and all of the staff are really pleased to be back working with them face to face.

I would like to thank you all for continuing with the lateral flow tests at home. They are contributing to keeping our community safe and have helped to identify a number of positive cases this past week, including a student in Year 7, three in Year 9, plus two members of staff. We acted swiftly in each case and identified close contacts who were then asked to self-isolate in line with government expectations for 10 days. Whilst the number of cases has been falling nationally in recent weeks, we were told to prepare for a rise in cases once schools returned. With the now much wider practice of using the lateral flow tests, there has been greater identification of asymptomatic cases which are followed up by a PCR test for confirmation.

Students in Year 13 and Year 11 have been working hard on their internal assessments this past week and should be very proud of how well they have approached these given the circumstances. Earlier this week the government released detailed guidance for schools regarding the policy and procedures that need to put in place to determine final teacher assessed grades – an overview of this guidance has been provided in this week's Families' Bulletin. With just five school weeks to go before May half term, this once again puts additional pressure on schools to put plans in place, which will be a key priority for us next half term.

We will be holding a virtual information evening for the families of all Year 11 and Year 13 students on Thursday 29 April at 5.30 pm. This will be an important event to attend so that you have the most up-to-date information and understanding around the process undertaken for awarding grades. We will send out details for how to sign up for the event straight after the Easter break.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19 April.

Warmest regards



Jo Meloni
Headteacher

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