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Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks for the overwhelming positive comments from our survey, our staff really appreciate the feedback and to know that their hard work is making a difference to our students. I am sharing the result of the survey with teachers to try and improve the way we are communicating with parents, the type of work teachers are setting and how we give feedback to students. It is clear from the survey that what suits some students in terms of quantity and type of work set does not suit everyone, so teachers are trying to find a happy medium. Another area from the feedback is that of individual feedback, we know all students like some sort of feedback, but understand that giving individual feedback to potentially hundreds of students per week is not always feasible.

A key question that many Y11 students and parents are asking is about their exams, and whether the work Y11 students are undertaking now will 'count' towards their final exams. We are hoping to find out more from the Government this week, but what we do know is that any work undertaken now will stand students in good stead for their next stage of education or training so I would very much encourage Y11 students to carry on working.

I would like to reassure parents who have paid for planned school trips that we are working with the Trust to secure refunds as quickly as possible but contacting insurers and travel companies at the moment is proving difficult.

Finally, as we start the last week before the calendared Easter Holidays, I would like to explain our plans for Easter and the summer term. The school is likely to stay open for students whose parents are key workers, staffed by volunteers from the Leadership Team. Teachers will not be setting school work on Go for Schools, but I would encourage students to use some of the websites we have shared to broaden and widen their learning.

I am currently discussing with my Leadership team the curriculum for the summer term if, as likely, schools remain closed. Based on national guidance and the parent survey, it is likely that the format and content of activities will be different, but students will continue to receive the best possible education we can deliver remotely.

Have a safe week, contact me at school if you have any questions and I hope you and your family is as well as you can be in these difficult times.  
Kind regards

Andrew Fell