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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the middle of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your support during this half term. I didn't expect, when we finished the Autumn term, that we would be once again locked down and educating students remotely. The support of Moor Park parents and carers has been essential to us and you have responded in a very sensible and straightforward way to the challenges of our second, long term school closure.

The Prime Minister has named March 8th as the date when schools will begin to readmit students. We will not know until the week of 22nd February what the plan will be, but it is likely to be a cautious approach, so we may be continuing with remote learning for some time to come. If you are struggling to access remote learning or you need resources or IT equipment, please contact us and we will help. If you are worried that your child is struggling with their mental health or might need some additional support, please don't suffer in silence. We are one community and we are here to help.

Students who were due to sit GCSE, BTEC and A level examinations in summer will have their grades assessed by their teachers this year. This will mean that all the work they do will build a picture of the progress that young people have made during their courses. It is very important that these young people keep up with remote learning. When the school reopens there are likely to be a series of internal examinations that we will use to help us come to our assessments. The work that young people do during this period of closure will help them develop the knowledge and skills that they will need to succeed when they come back.

During the period of closure, we have set up mass Covid testing for our students and staff. We have been testing the staff and students who have remained on site weekly and this has proved to be enormously successful in keeping us all safe. Our testing has been so successful that I was the first person to test positive, meaning that I could self-isolate and put no one else at risk. When our students arrive back to us, we would like to conduct a series of two tests on all our young people. We will be asking for your consent to test your children and your support on this would be very much appreciated, and crucial in keeping us all safe.

Please have a restful half term break. I hope that the national picture continues to improve and soon we will be welcoming students back into the school. In the meantime, please keep the young people working hard and try to stick to routines; this will help us to begin education successfully and securely when the young people come back in.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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