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Dear Parent/Carer

Since I last wrote to you, we have had the news that there may be a return to school from 8<sup>th</sup> March. As yet, we do not know if this is all schools and all year groups and whether this would mean a full time return for secondary age students. We are ever hopeful that we can begin to see students back in school in some way after half term.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. We know from parents/carers that some children are finding this lockdown more difficult than the last. As I said in my last letter, you will find lots of guidance and support signposted on our website and there are links to Children's Mental Health Week on Twitter. Continue to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing. We are still offering our wellbeing services, both counseling and the listening service, online or by phone. This week's Thought for the Week, shown during tutor time and also available on the website, focusses partly on wellbeing and includes the launch of our lockdown challenges. The first of these is for the school community (parents/carers included) to walk/run the distance from Land's End to John O' Groats. I managed to contribute 7 miles yesterday with a good walk near Talkin Fell. If you and your family are able to take part, please send your miles and photos to Mrs Leech.



I hope that you have seen the work shared by students on our Twitter feed. They should be proud of all that they are achieving at home. I have loved seeing the creativity and talent of students in all their subjects and particularly enjoyed watching Daniel's recreation of his favourite sporting moment ever. I can highly recommend viewing this, if you haven't seen it already. This year's Children's Mental Health Week is all about expressing yourself and our contributors that are sharing work are certainly doing that! We understand that some students have found the volume of work difficult to manage whilst others have thrived with the increased independence. We will continue to monitor this as time passes.

You will know that Trinity Teaching and Learning Team wrote last week; please continue to send in your remote learning questions to them via the link below and they will then produce a Frequently Asked Questions document to share the answers.

[Opportunity to ask Teaching and Learning questions](#)



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Mrs McArdle has created and shared (via tutors) a short film with tips on coping with remote learning. All the ideas here are from students who gave feedback about their experiences so far with Mrs McArdle. Students can access this here:

[Tips on Remote Learning](#)

We have also asked staff about what they think would help students manage this period of home learning. The overwhelming majority said that sticking to the school day routine is what would benefit students the most, getting up and ready as normal, starting the day at normal school time and stopping at a sensible time at the end of the day. Some teachers have told us that they were worried about students sending emails about work very late at night and we would recommend that students switch off devices related to school early enough to relax and unwind, in order to promote better sleep.

The consultation about assessment for Year 11 and 13 closed last Friday and we hope to hear soon what the results will bring. We have now interviewed Year 11 students about their sixth form choices and ongoing support is available for all students in Year 11 and 13 about their next steps. The Year 9 Options deadline is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – I hope that students found the subject taster sessions useful last week. Year 10 parents evening is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February and this will be a virtual event. Mr Charnock will write to year 10 parents about this soon.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support during this time. Your positive messages are appreciated by staff here in school and those teaching from home. I would also like to thank you for all the work keeping your children on track with their learning. So far teachers have awarded 17,550 achievement points during lockdown of which 9699 were given for star online learning. It seems only fitting that parents and carers feature on one of our applause fish!



With thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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