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Dear Parent,

Changes to Remote Learning effective from Monday 4 May

Following the feedback from the parents, staff and pupils, following meetings with Heads of School and Faculty Heads, and taking into account the studies completed and the experiences of other schools (which have been in lockdown for much longer than we have), we have been reviewing our approach to Remote Learning.

From Monday, we will be making the following changes:

- Reducing lessons to 35 mins in length in order to allow us to teach all of the six lessons by 1pm.
 - The timetable would be:
 - Period 1: 8:40 – 9:15
 - Period 2: 9:20 – 9:55
 - Period 3: 10:00 – 10:35
 - Break: 10:35 – 11:05
 - Period 4: 11:05 – 11:40
 - Period 5: 11:45 – 12:20
 - Period 6: 12:25 – 13:00
- Replacing all Games and PE lessons currently running within the 6-period day with **independent study/homework sessions** thus creating less pressure on the pupils, and providing them with an opportunity to recap or complete work.
- 2-3pm will become a community/activities/house events/fundraising session. Included in these activities will be 'subject drop-in sessions' at which pupils may be able to ask for extra support. **Pupils will select their option at the beginning of each day via Teams.**
- 3-4pm will be PE with a variety of different options available in each session. **Pupils will select their option at the beginning of each day via Teams.**
- Each week we will have one tutor session (Monday morning), one school assembly and one house assembly.
- All teaching staff currently not tutors would join a tutor group to help with the pastoral support of the pupils, thus reducing the ratio of staff to pupils to around 1:7.

The rationale behind these suggestions is as follows:

- It reduces the amount of time on screens for both staff and pupils, but maintains (actually increases) the contact time with pupils and provides them with more opportunities.
- It provides a daily PE session for the pupils.
- It provides more creative time/activities for pupils.
- It does not require any major readjustments to the timetable, thus allowing us the opportunity of making further changes quickly, should they be required (following further feedback).
- It responds to the feedback provided by all of the stakeholders.

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Next steps:

- There will be a Whole School assembly at 8.20am on Monday explaining the changes to the pupils.
- There will be a tutor period during Period 1 on Monday to cover off any questions and to ensure that everyone understands the plan going forward.
- The new timetable will start Period 2 on Monday.

Extra considerations:

- There will be no impact on the Year 12 exams.
- The Year 11 programme and Year 13 programme will follow the same timings as stated above.
- **Formal exams for Years 7 and 8 will not take place.** Instead, teachers will run 'in-class assessments at the completion of a unit'. This will reduce the pressure on the pupils, acknowledging the challenges experienced by the Year 9 and 10 pupils during their exams.

We are in very challenging times and so making changes to the way in which we deliver the curriculum is necessary. We, of course, will continue to review everything that we do.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

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