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Dear Parent or Carer,

As we come towards the end of the term, I wanted to again thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. We fully appreciate the demands on the pupils and families currently, especially with three year groups currently in self-isolation. Please be assured, as we have outlined in the recent messages regarding remote teaching and learning, that we will continue to maintain the high standard of teaching and the full timetable/curriculum whether in school or remotely.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to outline a few details regarding the end of term and the start of the Spring Term (5 January).

Uniform – All Years

As was explained earlier in the term, pupils must now wear their blazers to school when required (i.e., on non-PE/Games days). Ties are still not required, and pupils are still permitted to wear trainers (these remain compulsory for Years 7 and 8 and will be compulsory for Years 9 and 10 as they move onto the Astroturf for morning breaks and lunchtimes).

Stock (blazers) should now be available at Horncastle's.

Remote Lessons – All Years

As was outlined in the recent letter about remote learning, pupils involved in live lessons must have their cameras on. This is for both pedagogical and safeguarding reasons.

Also as was mentioned, the lessons will finish around five minutes early to allow both teachers and pupils the chance to get prepared for the next lesson.

Pupils in Years 7-9 should also always bring a pair of basic headphones into school so that any teachers currently self-isolating are able to teach effectively from home.

Access to Class/Learning Resources from Home – All Years

As was mentioned in previous letters, pupils who are self-isolating separately from their year group have access to all their class materials on MS Teams and OneNote. They can complete the work set in class and for homework.

If a pupil is ill, the focus must be on recuperation, and so the expectation is that the pupil completes the work only when they are well enough.

Teachers will not be able to simultaneously teach in the classroom and remotely. They will, though, continue to assess the work completed and sent in by the pupils.

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Report Reading – All Years

In non-Covid times, it is our practice for the tutors to read the reports (both BfL reports and full reports) with the individual tutees and then set appropriate targets. Because of the current climate, especially with three year groups working from home, we will be completing all target setting at the beginning of the next term.

Most pupils, though, have still had the opportunity to read their reports ahead of them being sent out tomorrow.

Break and Lunchtimes – Years 7-10

As of this week, we have moved the pupils' areas used at break and lunch. They are now as follows and will continue as such in the Spring Term:

- Year 7 – Far tennis courts
- Year 8 – Near tennis courts
- Year 9 – Left-hand side of the Astroturf
- Year 10 – Right-hand side of the Astroturf
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Years 11-13 will remain at Beech Walk.

Water – All Years

Pupils must bring a full water bottle to school each day. They can then refill it, if required, at the appropriate water station for their year group.

No other drinks (e.g., energy drinks, squash etc) are permitted.

Upcoming Events – All Years

December 10 – Remote Christmas Carol Service streamed

December 11 – Final day of Autumn Term

January 5 – Spring Term begins

January 12-15 – Year 9 Parent Consultations (details in next week's Bulletin)

January 19-22 – Year 10 Parent Consultations (details in the January 6 Bulletin)

January 18-28 – Year 11 Full Mock Exams

February 1-5 – Year 12 Assessments

February 9-12 – Year 11 Parent Consultations

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

Kind regards,

George Penlington
Head of Senior School