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ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH - YEAR 9

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to touch base with you all and answer a few questions that have been coming my way as lockdown continues.

As you know Year 10 and Year 12 students have started their phased return to school, but please be reassured staff will still be working hard to maintain the high standard of education for all of the students remaining at home.

The Year 9 tutor team have been setting up regular live tutorials, which have been very well attended, and I will continue to deliver virtual assemblies throughout Term 6. There has already been an increased use of Microsoft Teams to deliver lessons and provide lesson resources such as videos and narrated PowerPoints, to ensure students are getting more direct contact with their teachers. However, this is down to individual teacher discretion, following union advice.

In order to make sure students don't miss out on these opportunities it is important they check their school emails, Show My Homework and Teams regularly as all information from teachers will be shared on these forums.

Teachers are also working hard to mark student work and will feedback, where necessary, directly to the students via one of the three methods of contact. We also continue to use Class Charts to celebrate successes and praise the excellent work that is being handed in. Tutors will be sending certificates to students when they have reached milestones with lots already having been emailed. This really is a fantastic achievement given the challenging times we are in.

If any teacher has concerns surrounding the quality, quantity or lack of work being submitted they will contact you and the student to discuss this. There will not be a written report issued this term due to the lack of face to face contact but please be reassured if staff have any worries about your child's progress they will be in touch.

I hope you are all keeping well during these very strange times.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Parry
Head of Year 9

