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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the full reopening of the College in September 2020, the model introduced to maintain the integrity of year group bubbles has worked very well and I have been impressed by how quickly it established itself as the 'new normal' and the way both students and staff quickly adapted to the new regime. It was perhaps optimistic to think that we may have been able to ease the way we have been working by this stage to resemble some kind of pre-Covid normality, but as we endure a second national lockdown and an upward trajectory of Covid-19 related cases it is unlikely any changes will be made in the foreseeable future. The health, safety and wellbeing of our College community remains a priority.

The current model operated by the College has created a number of challenges for staff and students. In order to address this the College is to implement a small circuit break. This will provide the opportunity to conduct any required maintenance or cleaning in each of the separate zones and to provide staff with the opportunity for classroom preparation, marking and assessment, moderation and curriculum teamwork. All of this is vital to deliver an effective teaching and learning provision. To ensure our high standards are maintained, I have consulted with governors and made the decision to have one non-exam year group out of College per day in the week 30th November to 4th December. This will provide some time for staff to consolidate and prepare for the remainder of this term, and the Spring Term thereafter. A remote learning provision will be in place for the day your child is out of College so they will not miss out. The following Year Groups are therefore to **remain at home** as follows:

- Monday 30th November – Year 7
- Tuesday 1st December – Year 8
- Wednesday 2nd December – Year 9
- Thursday 3rd December – Year 10
- Friday 4th December – Year 12

I have not taken this decision lightly, and I understand the inconvenience this may cause some parents for which I apologise in advance, but your support with this arrangement would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact the College should you have any queries or concerns regarding the above.

Provision can be put in place for those students identified as vulnerable and please can I ask that you contact Mrs Lear at the College if this is required.

Yours sincerely,

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