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Dear Parents,

Welcome to your Friday update from school.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and for the lovely messages that staff have been receiving from parents. We know how challenging it can be to support your children at home with their learning, while trying to juggle your own working commitments. Thank you for your constructive feedback, which helps as we are constantly reviewing our practice to improve the provision of remote learning for our students.

Reopening of school

This week the government announced a provisional date of Monday 8th March for reopening schools. Schools will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, as they have done since the beginning of January. We will write after the half term holiday, which is when we expect to hear more information from the government about the plan for a wider reopening of school. The government also announced that FSM would continue to be provided for eligible families. We will write to eligible families next week with details about the voucher they will receive for the half term holiday and the two weeks following the half term holiday.

Remote Learning

This week we had to make some changes to how Google Meet is to be used to deliver live lessons and support sessions. We will continue to publish a timetable on our school website but the codes will no longer be published. Students can access Google Meet directly through their Google Classroom, and so the codes are no longer required. Teachers will also post announcements directly in their Google Classroom to remind students about upcoming Live Lessons or Support Sessions.

You will find a useful guide on the school website to support students and parents in accessing Google Meetings. Next week's live lesson/ support session timetables for each year group are attached.



Cyber Security & E-Safety

We want to thank the parents of children in Year 9 for their patience during the hard reset that was carried out this week on Google passwords. Our IT team worked hard to get this done as quickly as possible. As you will be aware from my letter on Monday, we became aware that some misuse of the Google platform had taken place, which was disrupting the remote learning of other students. We take the security and safety of our students and network very seriously, and are working with the Police to identify the offenders.

Key Stage 3 Maths Teaching

We have received some feedback from parents about the struggles they are having with supporting their child with maths, and the extra support they might need.

Our maths team would therefore like to point you in the direction of the following webinars in order to assist you:

Year 7: Top 5 maths mistakes year 7 children make and how you can help them at home

<https://eedi.com/blog/top-5-maths-mistakes-children-in-year-7-make-and-how-you-can-help-them-at-home>

Year 8: Top 5 maths mistakes year 8 children make and how you can help them at home

<https://eedi.com/blog/top-5-maths-mistakes-children-in-year-8-make-and-how-you-can-help-them-at-home>

Dealing with maths anxiety for children age 10 -13

<https://eedi.com/blog/maths-anxiety-webinar>

As always, you can keep up to date with the latest news from school by visiting our website, or following us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or Instagram.

I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



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