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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope that you are safe, well and managed to enjoy some time together in our No Screen Day on Wednesday. I fully appreciate that it might not have been possible for everyone to have engaged with this, but hope that you might be able to find some time over the coming weekend and week ahead to attempt a challenge or two. Thank you for all of the wonderful feedback that we received from so many of you. It was a joy to see so many photographs of the incredible things that our students had achieved on Wednesday. It was also wonderful to see families engaging in the tasks together enjoying time away from their screens. We hope that you and your child/children were able to benefit from the day.

As I have previously mentioned I wanted to write to you today to share the link to the parent and carer survey that I have previously mentioned. I will leave this survey open for one week to allow plenty of time for everyone to have an opportunity to complete it. Please click the link below to take the survey and leave your feedback on how you feel this half term of remote learning has been for you and your children. As you already know, staff have worked incredibly hard to continue to improve our provision and make this challenging way of learning engaging and accessible for all students. Your feedback, as always is crucial to our continued improvement as we strive for outstanding outcomes for all children in our school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7BVMVPZ>

Whilst I am writing to you I also wanted to take this opportunity to inform parents and carers of year 8 students that we are planning a change to how we run our options process. We would usually run an options evening next half term. This will not be possible and as a result we are in the process of planning an alternative opportunity to share all of the information that you and your child/children will need to make their option choices. I will follow up this letter with further details of our plans, including a date for our online options evening.

As Mr Hemmings outlined in his assembly for students, parents and carers on Tuesday, we are expecting more information during the week beginning 22 February regarding the re-opening of schools as part of the national road map out of lock down. Once there is clear information from the government and Department for Education Mr Hemmings will write to you or provide an assembly update.

I will finish by thanking you for all of your support throughout this challenging time. We fully appreciate all of your hard work and support throughout this half term and we all wish you a safe and hopefully restful half term.

Yours sincerely



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