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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well during this incredibly difficult time. This is a new era for us all. I am aware that many of you will be working remotely whilst trying to juggle daily life, childcare and home schooling. My advice to you at the moment would be to try your best to embed some form of routine for your child/children over the next few weeks. There is a daily schedule on the website to support you with this.

All students have been set work by their individual teachers and this has been emailed to them. There is also an e learning document on the website which gives you lots of ideas regarding learning at home at this time. However, I would ask that you ensure that schoolwork is balanced with a combination of daily chores, exercise, reading, playing and family time.

Students in Year 11 will now not be sitting GCSE examinations in the Summer term. Teaching staff will be asked to calculate the GCSE grades. I have put some guidance on the website for you to read if you have a child in Year 11.

Your child may be using their phone/tablet/computer or games console more frequently whilst currently at home. Can you please ensure that you are monitoring their screen and that they are not using social media inappropriately, for example talking to strangers online.

I will be in touch with all families over the Easter break to see how the children are doing and to discuss any issues you may have. I think that the next few weeks will be tough for all and that we need to be realistic with our expectations going forward. The safety of school staff and students is my number one priority and the basis upon which I will be making all future decisions.

In conclusion, I would ask that you take some time to read this terms newsletter which highlights the wide range of wonderful activities that students have taken part in. It also says a goodbye to Mr Poulton who is retiring after many years service at Bensham Manor. The newsletter is on both the website and Kidwizz. Please take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Robinson
Headteacher



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