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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term I would like to thank you for your support in maintaining standards of uniform, behaviour, equipment and homework right into the last week.

The exam period went extremely well and as a team we felt learners coped admirably with the pressures of revision and the exams themselves. We have offered additional support to both families and learners in year 10 and year 11 around dealing with the stresses involved with the exam period and following positive feedback will be continuing this next year.

Change in Date: the Government has changed the early May bank holiday from Monday 4 May 2020 to **Friday 8 May 2020**, this is to coincide with VE day commemoration events.

Autumn Term Dates:

Tuesday 3 September 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Half term - Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2019 inclusive

Inset Days (learners will not be in school)

Tuesday 3 September

Thursday 19 December

Friday 20 December

From September we will no longer be using the planners to track homework, attitudes to learning and uniform/behaviour issues. Instead we will be using an online platform called Class Charts. You will receive login details along with the standards booklet, this app/platform will allow you to view your child's progress 'live'.

We will be saying a fond farewell to a number of staff next week, some extremely long serving, and wish them well for the future. Recruitment for September has been successful and we continue to staff all curriculum areas with specialist teachers.

The site works are due to be complete in time for the new academic year, although we are not able to provide any additional car parking, please bear this in mind when visiting school. You will also notice the Believe temporary accommodation at the front of the site will be removed in the near future.

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Finally, we wish you a happy and safe summer break and look forward to the new term in September. Year 7 learners need to be in school by 8.20am, with all other year groups attending for 10.30am.

Best Regards

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Mrs N Ashton  
Principal