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Dear Parents/Carers,

During these very difficult and unprecedented times, I'm writing to inform you of some adjustments I have made to our Year 13 attendance expectations.

From Wednesday 18th November, Year 13 students are no longer all required to arrive at school by 9am but are permitted to arrive at school in time for their first lesson of the day. They will also be allowed to leave school after their final lesson of the day. Students who have a lesson period 5 will not be able to leave school until after tutor at 3.20pm. Students are, however, still more than welcome to be in school full time, should they wish.

It is vital that on arrival or departure students sign in/out at student reception and that they ensure that they do not cross year group bubbles, particularly during break and lunch times.

I have taken this difficult decision in order to reduce the amount of sixth form students on site at any one time, in particular, in the sixth form study area. It is vital for your child's continued progress that they still work as if they were in school and I would ask you, where possible, to ensure that your child maintains their routine in regards to being ready to start their work at home by 9am and work throughout the day when they are not in school. Should teachers raise concerns that your child is not progressing as they should, your child will be asked to attend school full time so that we can monitor their work patterns more closely. This new system will be constantly reviewed and when we are in a position to revert back to our normal school day I will write to inform you.

I would also like to advise you that our first set of mock exams begin on Monday 30th November and your child should be spending much of their normal 'private study' time preparing for these important exams.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you well in the run up to Christmas.

Kind regards

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