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Dear Families

I hope you remain safe and well.

Over the weekend, the government has been very clear that schools will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The government also announced potential support for some disadvantaged secondary school students, for care leavers and children with social workers who do not already have internet access or digital devices to enable access to remote education resources during school closure. As soon as we have the details about this we will provide further information to enable us to place orders for devices for eligible students. Please note, parents and students will not be able to order the devices themselves.

In addition to our curriculum, with work being set on Class Charts (Year 7-10) and via email (Year 12), some additional online resources have been launched today. The government has launched a new website to support online learning: https://www.thenational.academy/ and the BBC has launched their updated BBC Bitesize website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize As a priority, students should complete the work set by our teachers, but some of these resources might be of interest to families to supplement our HT curriculum. We would value any feedback should families access any of these resources.

Say 'Thank You' to the NHS and Key Workers by wearing blue this Thursday 23rd April

Mrs Goodes has written to families this morning to let you know about this initiative which we would encourage you to support on Thursday so that we can show our collective appreciation as a school to our NHS and key frontline workers, working to help to save lives.

Staff change

In addition to the staff changes I communicated last week, Mrs Tarantini-Amor has now moved on to her new school. She has been with us for 3 years, teaching Spanish and supporting our English as an Additional Language provision with real skill and commitment. We wish her well as she moves on to her new role as SENCO at Roding Valley High School in Essex.

Please do stay at home and stay safe to protect lives.

Yours faithfully

Robin Newman

Principal

