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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 8 Return to school, Reports and Options**

We were delighted to welcome all Year 8 students back into school this morning. They responded brilliantly to the arrangements for the initial Lateral Flow Tests and again we can confirm that we have had no positive cases; students returned to their normal lessons from Period 2 onwards at which point their day reset in line with those arrangements in place during last term.

Following their return, I write to give you some updates on key developments over the coming weeks, for which you will receive further detailed information, but I felt it was important that everyone was aware of how students will be supported in the weeks ahead where they are going to be asked to make some significant decisions.

Year 8 Reports: Your child will arrive home tomorrow (Friday, 12th March) with their full school report. Staff have worked hard to pull together the work completed by students since September both within school and while working from home. Over the coming weeks schemes of work have been adjusted where necessary to ensure that the learning provision remains extremely strong across all areas. These reports will give you an indication of the progress your child has made.

Year 8 Options: Under normal times, the Year 8 options process would have been completed to ensure that appropriate planning was in place for a successful start to students' Key Stage 4 provision at the beginning of Year 9. It is our intention that this model will continue for current year 8 students, which means that we will need to start the options process as early as next week. Mr Brown, who leads the options process in school with Mr Cook as Head of Year, will be speaking to students and handing out information for them to bring home to discuss with you, this will include an outline of the support which will be given and key dates, including when there will be an opportunity to speak to staff about what subjects we have to offer.

We are aware that following such a significant period of time away from school that this will be a busy period for your child with lots of information to take on board. We will be providing as much support as possible and would encourage you to make contact with school at any stage should you have any concerns as we navigate through the weeks ahead. We are confident that we can quickly Re-Engage your child within school and Re-Boot their education as they continue to progress throughout the year.

Can I thank you for your continued support and the joint efforts from everyone as we hopefully make our way forward to further normality.

Yours faithfully

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