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Dear Parents

I would like to thank you all for the support and care you are providing for your children in limiting the disruption to their education at this most difficult of times.

In order to not overburden yourselves or your children, work should only be being set weekly, with clear deadlines and expectations. Tutors will try to contact most of their tutor group each week on a Thursday to check how they are getting on. Please let us know if you feel that your child is anxious about the amount of work that has been set, or alternatively, of course, if you feel that they are not getting enough work!

Teachers are available throughout the day and will endeavour to support with any concerns you may have. For students who have no access to the internet, we will continue to set work fortnightly and post it out.

The wellbeing of everyone is important during the Covid-19 Epidemic and so please take the opportunity to ensure that your child does have breaks in the course of the day, has ample exercise and try to restrict the amount of time they spend on their electronic devices (I know this is not an easy task!). On the school website are links which may support you in this and may be less painful than the Joe Wicks workout every morning.

Year 11 students should contact their planned post-16 providers regarding work they can start to begin to prepare themselves for their chosen courses. I know that applicants to Springwood should look at the Sixth Form webpage for work to prepare them for their chosen courses. With regards to Year 11 results, we have received initial information from the government this morning and have sent Year 11 parents a separate email containing a letter from Ofqual to share with their child. We will continue to support all Year 11 students following the publication of their results. We will also celebrate the end of Year 11, when safe to do so, with a Prom and prize-giving ceremony.

Term officially ended on Thursday, 2 April for two weeks. No work will be set for students during this period, which will allow some to have a proper break and others to catch up!

Again, thank you for your support, and for the kind comments we have received, over the past couple of weeks.

I hope you continue to stay healthy and enjoy the Easter period as best you can.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Hirst
Headteacher

