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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope that your child has made a positive start to the new school year. We are certainly very pleased with the way things have gone since the students returned at the beginning of September, despite the very challenging circumstances. Before we break up for the half-term holiday, I thought it would be helpful to outline how we intend to keep you informed about your child's progress over the course of this academic year.

Parents' Evenings

Currently, Parents' Evenings are not possible in school, due to health and safety and social distancing guidelines. However, as always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress in school, you are welcome to telephone the school to speak to any of your son/daughter's subject teachers at any time.

Annual Report

You will also receive a written report from your son or daughter's Form Tutor outlining your child's accomplishments and achievements throughout the year. The annual report will be issued prior to the summer holidays in 2021.

Twice-Yearly Achievement Summary

Twice a year, you will receive a summary of your child's progress in each subject area. The first summary will be before the February half-term break and the second one in July, towards the end of the academic year. We will base our achievement summaries on a combination of classwork, homework and assessments. It is worth noting that assessments constitute only one element of the overall evaluation of student progress. Ongoing classwork and homework represent very important elements of progress too. Your child will always be given sufficient notice of any upcoming assessments. Teachers will also provide revision guidance and resources to ensure that students are able to prepare fully for these assessments.

If you have any queries at all about your child's education throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stanton
Assistant Headteacher

