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Dear Parent/Carer

These are indeed strange times, for many the strangest we have seen or are likely to see (I hope). I wanted to write to you to thank you for the support and effort that you are putting in, not just with the education of your children, but for keeping positive in very uncertain times.

As an academy we are doing everything we can to support key workers who are on the front line of the fight against this virus, whilst ensuring we keep everyone safe. For children who are at home, we have created a wide range of specific on-line learning materials that are all available from the distance learning page found on our website. If you have any issues accessing these please contact the Academy. We have some exciting ideas on how we can develop our online provision based on the feedback and responses we have received and teachers are working hard to develop new resources for all year groups every week. We would also strongly advise parents and carers to maintain a supervisory focus on what their children are accessing on line- for further assistance on how to do this please visit **Safeguarding (Parents@home)** on the Academy website.

These are incredibly stressful and anxious times for us all, in response to this we have also created and uploaded a number of well-being support materials to help us all cope with these trying times. Again these are all available on our website.

I normally write to you as we approach the Easter break when the year 11 and 13 students have their final preparation for exams. As you will know there are no examinations this summer, but you can be assured we will do our utmost to ensure your child is awarded the grades they deserve. Once there is further guidance from the DFE and OFQUAL we will update you.

Please note that Easter should still be seen as a break and we have no expectations of students working over this period, if at all possible a break and a distraction would be the best approach. I appreciate for many this may be difficult as family's deal with their own challenges. There are a number of ideas of activities that families and groups can do online and we have recently added a section to our distance learning page entitled additional learning online which will enrich the educational experience that our teachers are planning.

In relation to more normal matters we are currently working and meeting (remotely) to look at key areas such as option choices and sixth form. We will be updating individuals on choices and next steps for both of these areas soon.

Prior to the closure we had a number of outstanding academic, sports and art related achievements around the Academy at a local regional and national level. I don't want us to lose sight on the amazing achievements our students make. I know from some of the stories and emails I have received and heard that our students continue to be amazing ambassadors for the Academy.

At the moment it may seem that normality is a long way off, however it will come and we will return to brighter times. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and healthy Easter. We will continue to support you and your child every step of the way and I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder

Principal

For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust

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