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Dear Parent/Carer

These have been unprecedented times of challenge for us all and I would like to thank you for your support and understanding during this first term back. This support and understanding has allowed us to deliver a full curriculum to the high standards you would expect. I have been amazed by the resilience and flexibility of staff and students to adapt to a different way of working.

Many of the lessons I see on a daily basis are outstanding, with students engaged and clear learning and progress being made. The way that students have conducted themselves echoes the 'grace way' that we have all worked hard to achieve over a number of years. It is reflected in the way that students have taken responsibility for themselves and developed a deep understanding of the needs of others; something I'm sure as parents and carers you are proud of. We pride ourselves on the high standards of student behaviour and appearance and again I thank you for your support in this, if you are considering any uniform purchases over the half term can I ask that you refer to our uniform guidance available on the web site under parent information.

There has been a great deal of 'normality' in some respects with students gaining the recognition for their work and achievements; poetry day, black history month, helping hands food appeal to name just a few. It is incredibly impressive to see how the new starters in year 7 have settled and developed as Grace students even after this short period of time.

I appreciate parents and carers frustrations at Academies and schools having to send students home for self-isolation in response to the pandemic. I can assure you that sending a student, class, year group or whole school home to isolate is the hardest decision a head teacher has to make. I can also assure you that it is never taken lightly but with the full input guidance and support of the DFE and Public Health England. To support students that are not attending we have spent a great deal of time and effort in developing an on-line provision for students to continue their learning. The lessons and timetable which are available on the academy web site follow the student's normal timetable. We are also delivering live lessons on a daily basis, giving all students the opportunity to be taught online by one of their teachers. I would urge and encourage you to ensure your child is making the most of this provision. Assistant Heads of Year will be in regular contact to support you throughout this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder

Principal

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