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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. Many thanks for all of the work you are doing supporting your child's remote learning. It has been great to see so many of our Year 12 students in school recently, working very hard, and continuing to complete their online learning tasks at home.

During the remainder of this half-term we will continue to set students online work, in the same format, to complete until the end of term. Whilst it is evident that many students are accessing the online work and completing tasks for their teachers to provide feedback, it is clear that a minority of students are not doing a very great amount of schoolwork from the tasks provided. If you are aware that your son or daughter is spending very little time each day accessing these exercises, then we do ask you please to encourage them to increase the amount of time they dedicate to these tasks. Please ensure that students are submitting work where required. These tasks are clearly identified on each subject's weekly remote learning plans. This way, teachers can provide them with feedback on the work. If there is a difficulty with this, please do let us know.

Students have also engaged well with the online sessions on personal statements and they are working with their tutors on writing the first drafts. There are further sessions scheduled this week providing guidance on starting the UCAS application process. If your son or daughter is planning to go to university, please encourage them to attend these sessions.

To ensure our students are well prepared for any potential return in September, teachers of each subject will be uploading one "September Ready" overview document that outlines the key work that should have been completed during the period of time the school has been closed. This will include those weeks when students have been in school, receiving *face to face* teaching. Within this overview document, it will outline when and where work should have been submitted for each subject. Please use these "September Ready" overview documents to check that work has been completed and submitted. If there are any gaps or areas, which need additional work please do endeavour to ensure these tasks are completed, ready for September. These tasks and the end of year report will be discussed with students next week as part of the phone call from their tutor.

Many thanks for the support you have given our students in adapting to this new way of working throughout this challenging time. I hope you and your families can enjoy a restful summer break.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Bayne
Head of 6th Form

