

Thursday, 11 February 2021

**RE: Half Term**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

I have been impressed and heartened by the response that students have had to the online learning that has been put in place since the Christmas break. Whilst we were not expecting to be learning online, the uptake on Google Classroom has been excellent and having virtually observed lessons last week, I am thrilled by how well the students are engaging with the process.

Next week, **15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February**, is half term and students will therefore not be expected to be working online. They may be set homework and they may wish to use this time to consolidate learning from over the half term but formal lessons will not be taking place. Similarly, the key worker/EHCP/vulnerable student hub will also not be running across the week. I am sure that you appreciate that students need a well-earned break after all their hard work this half term.

We will also be operating a shortened day on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** with students not attending their lessons in the afternoon (**1pm-3pm**). Students will be given work remotely to complete while staff undergo continued professional developmental training. This is also partly in response to students needing to ensure that they retain all of their academic skills moving forwards including writing by hand. This will mean that the key worker/EHCP/vulnerable student hub will also be closed after lunch time on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

I hope that you have a pleasant half term and remain safe and well.

Yours Sincerely,



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