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Dear Parents/ Carers

I must begin by stressing how impressed I have been by the resilience and hard work our youngsters have shown in these difficult times. We know that this does not happen by chance and we do not underestimate your considerable support to build upon the work by the Park Hall teaching and support staff.

As we come towards the end of this half term, I want to remind parents and carers that we will continue with the same learning schedule after the half term break:

- Year 10 and Year 11 and the Sixth Form will receive full live lessons through Microsoft Teams
- Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 will receive a mixture of live lessons and remote set tasks, with every lesson having a 10-minute live interaction at the start with their teacher to focus and clarify tasks to complete, as well as to register attendance

As will continue to be the case, a number of staff will be in school each day supervising Key Worker/Vulnerable students. These staff will not deliver live lessons as per the schedule above, but will set work via Teams.

Year 11 and Year 13 students are very much in the forefront of our minds. The national consultation regarding the award of GCSE, Vocational subjects and A-Level grades closed on January 29th. As soon as we receive any information about how these grades will be awarded, we will of course update parents and carers.

As the half term break approaches, **the school will be closed to all students including those in the Key Worker and Vulnerable students classes**. Please do continue to follow local and national guidance, and we need to remain socially responsible. I understand many of us have grown fatigued by the situation, but we need to keep going. I know all of the staff are looking forward to the time when we can all be together on-site again. For families with children eligible for **free school meals**, the Local Authority are arranging a voucher scheme similar to the one used over the Christmas holidays. Further information will be shared from the Local Authority. Please contact Ms Griffiths, mgriffiths@parkhall.org if you require additional support with this before school closes on Friday.

If your son/daughter is having any difficulty, then in the first instance please contact their Head of Year;

Year 7: Mr Cooper scooper@parkhall.org

Year 8: Mr Williams awilliams@parkhall.org

Year 9: Mrs Percival jpercival@parkhall.org

Year 10: Mr Cox dcox@parkhall.org



Year 11: Mrs Wakefield cwakefield@parkhall.org

Year 12/13: Ms Norrey anorrey@parkhall.org

We await further guidance on the government's plan for the wider re-opening of schools in March and I will write to you once we understand what the expectations are.

Many thanks for your support and understanding; we will be sending out more information and updates as we have more information to share.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Close'.

Dr T Close
Associate Headteacher