

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we have had some encouraging news about reducing transmission rates and the vaccine roll out. These give us hope that 8 March may well see students returning to face to face learning. However, in the current climate nothing is definite so watch this space and let's remain both optimistic and resilient.

### **GCSE and A Level**

We learned this week that the results of the government consultation will be shared at the end of February which means a frustrating wait to determine more concrete detail of GCSE and A Level gradings. Further details of our mock examination arrangements in March will be shared as soon as we are able to do so, but our intention is that assessments for Year 11 and 13 will commence in the third week after a return to school, currently week beginning 22 March.

### **Key Stage Three**

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have had sessions about study skills and motivation, delivered by 'Maximise your Potential'. These have been well-received by the students and MYP commented favourably on the engagement, astuteness, and positivity of our students. Student feedback has been so positive we have asked the company to run a session for the parents of students in these year groups. This will take place at 7pm on 1 March 2021 and will be accessed via a weblink that will be sent out to parents at both Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Thanks to the many parents who have contacted the school because of attendance at one of our recent parents' evenings. There seems to be significant support from parents for us to continue with online parents' evenings even after the pandemic, and this is certainly something we are seriously considering. Next Wednesday it is Year 8 parents' evening, the closing date for booking appointments being at 7pm on Tuesday, and the week after the half term break it is the turn of Year 7, on 24 February. Please note that we have changed the date of the Year 9 Parents' Evening from 4 March to 3 March.

NB There is no live teaching when we have parents' evenings, but staff may set work that students can do.

### **Half Term**

I am sure your child will be relishing a break from online lessons for a few days at half term, but with few chances for getting away or for socialising we hope that they might enjoy getting involved in the virtual holiday club. This offers both secondary and primary aged young people across the town a chance to stay active with a range of fun physical activities to get involved with. Details are attached.

### **Online Safety- part two**

You can also find part two of our user-friendly guides for parents on keeping your child safe online. The advice is practical and perhaps eye opening for all of us who think as parents we know how our children operate when they are online.

### **Remote Workers registration**

If your child requires supervision with their online learning in school next week, please be sure to complete [this form](#).

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