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Dear parents/carers,

We are almost at the end of the term and so I am contacting you with some updates and key information.

Wider learning day

In light of it being safer internet week, students will be off timetable for periods 1-3 on Thursday to attend talks around safe internet use from The Abingdon Bridge and Thames Valley Police, as well as a session on mental well-being in the current climate from the School Nurse. This will be run on Teams in the same format as their lessons and we expect full attendance.

Attendance

With online learning set to continue until at least the 8th of March, we would like to remind students of the importance of attending all of their lessons and tutor registration, as they would if they were in school. We appreciate that in some circumstances, attendance has been impossible due to internet concerns and urge you to get in touch if this is likely to be an ongoing concern in term 4.

Year 11 exam entries

As I am sure you are aware, we are still awaiting an update on how students in year 11 will be assessed and awarded grades. I know this is a source of anxiety for students, so we urge them to keep focused on their learning and to continue researching their options for September. Please see the school website for further guidance on post 16 options [Careers \(fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk). Abingdon & Witney College are hosting drop in sessions for questions about apprenticeships and will also have virtual open evenings this week for their courses [February Virtual Open Week - Abingdon & Witney College \(abingdon-witney.ac.uk\)](http://abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

Nevertheless, we will be publishing students' exam entries in the first week of next term. We cannot confirm the method of assessment or grade awarding until further notice from the government but feel it is important to ensure that students and their families know what subjects they are entered for and at which level. This information will be available on My Child At School.



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Finally, the KS4 team would like to say a big well done to students for their engagement with online learning this term; we know how seriously they have been taking their GCSE studies despite the challenging circumstances. We are also really appreciative of all the learning and technical support that you have provided at home; we know this has been a tricky time for families and hope that you all get a well-deserved break over the half term holiday. Hopefully it will just be one last push with online learning until we are back in school again. In the meantime, please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards,



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