

Thursday 28th January 2021



In what has been a week where there has finally been some good news about the possibility of schools re-opening in the second week of March we are still working hard to ensure that the students are receiving the best possible offer in these challenging times.

As I have now said on numerous occasions the commitment of students to the “live” offer has been hugely commendable and this is allowing students to still make excellent progress at a time where we cannot offer students the face to face contact in school. I again want to thank all of the staff at school, both teaching and support, for all of their efforts in making this provision as strong as it is.

We have completed our Year 9 examinations this week and the ability to still provide high quality assessments throughout this lockdown is really important for us to know how students are doing and where we may need to focus work as we go forward. I know that the week will have been difficult for some students but they have faced these with the same level of commitment and resilience which the students have been showing for the last year.

The consultation period for the Summer Examination period closes this week so we are hopeful that the next few weeks will bring greater clarity on the process we need to undertake. For Year 11 and indeed for all students, it is still and always will be for students to do their best in all that they do.

Rev. Bates spoke to the whole school this week through a virtual assembly on Love and Kindness and I am continually emboldened about the situation we are all facing when I see the kindness and love that our community displays to each other, my thanks to those parents that have delivered books for other families this week or donated IT equipment to help others.

I hope you are all keeping well and once again thank you for your support of the students and of the school. I want to finish with a quote from Micah, which I have heard a number of times these last few weeks, which seems appropriately simple but wise guidance in these complicated times.

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6v8

Best Wishes
Simon Martin