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Dear parents & carers,

A much shorter letter from me this week to update you on how our first week back at school has gone.

It has been great to welcome students back to school and restart learning in its rightful place. Both staff and students have been excited about seeing each other and there is a real buzz as the school has come back to life.

Students have now completed their last Lateral Flow Test (LFT) in school, so that there will be no further disruption to learning from taking them. The testing programme we planned has run extremely well and been successful, thanks to the sensible attitude from students and the dedication of our testing team. We have now sent home the first batch of LFT kits, please use these so that we can continue to keep our students and school community safe.

Students have adapted extremely well to wearing masks in the classroom, which we are all hoping will not be for too long, as I have explained, this is being reviewed by the government at Easter, so hopefully we will hear some good news that we can go back to wearing them just in communal areas. All staff have been wearing them including in office spaces so that we are following exactly the same guidance as students. We have recently received some guidance to support students who have impaired hearing and rely on different degrees of lip reading to access their learning. On occasions where students need this support in lessons, their teachers will need to switch from wearing a mask to a face visor for just that lesson so that students who need the support can see the teachers face.

Mrs Bunston (Deputy Headteacher) will be writing to the parents/carers of year 11 students to update you on some recent updates from the Department for Education on how GCSE grades will be awarded. Please make sure that you read this and discuss it with your children so that they have the best chances of success in achieving the grade that they deserve.

Always Faithful with Christ

Please enjoy a well-deserved break at the weekend,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Henton." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Martin Henton
Headteacher