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Dear Parent/Carer

We have now reached the end of another half-term in which the BCA community has once again risen to the challenges of remote and online learning. I'd like to thank all parents and carers for the support they continue to offer the youngsters as they continue to learn from home. Current information indicates that schools will not start to re-open for additional larger number of students until at least 8 March. I am expecting further detail on this from 22 February onwards so will update you on this important issue as soon as the picture becomes clearer.

Findings from Parent/Carer Survey.

This half-term we surveyed parents' and carers' views on our remote education provision. It was pleasing to read that over 90% of parents that responded felt that our students were getting the appropriate amount of workload each day. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and for the many messages of support and encouragement for our staff that were included in your responses.

Peer Review of Remote Education

As part of the over-arching school improvement strategy schools in The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT) regularly review the quality of education each school provides. This model of support and challenge has continued during this period of lockdown. On Tuesday 9 February I welcomed leaders from TCAT to the school (virtually) to look closely at the quality of education we are continuing to provide at this time. TCAT leaders met with senior leaders, subject leaders and observed a number of online lessons. Their feedback to me was very positive and they recognised that BCA is continuing to provide a strong educational offer in what are very challenging circumstances. One of our visitors, Mrs Scott-Herron, headteacher at Sir Thomas Boteler, commented "staff really want to succeed at this; they want to get it right" and "It's clear that research and evidence is underpinning what is going on in the virtual classroom". The review team also commented on the high levels of attendance to online lessons.

Laptops

Over the course of this lockdown we have provided over 300 laptops for students so they can fully access their remote learning. We still have a number of devices available for any students that require a laptop to support them over the coming weeks. Please get in touch with your child's Progress Leader if you require support in this area.

Year 9 Options Process.

In the coming weeks we will be asking Year 9 to choose the subjects they want to study at Key Stage 4. This is an important junction for our Year 9 students as they start to specialise in areas that they want to pursue in the future. Due to Coronavirus our options process will be undertaken online using Google Classroom. Assistant Principal, Mrs McMillan will be in touch shortly after half-term with further details on this process.

Finally, I'd once again to thank you for your ongoing support and I'll look forward to updating you again in the coming weeks as we prepare to welcome students back.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Harris
Principal



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