



23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a half term like no other, I would like to start by thanking you for all your feedback and messages of support. It has been and will continue to be important that we work in partnership to support your child/children through this academic year. It is reassuring to know that parents/carers understand the challenges we are facing and that we are doing all we can to safely keep students in school and learning.

Although there have been challenges this half term, there have also been many positives. Having the school community back together again has been fantastic. I never underestimate the importance of belonging to a school community for our students. The relationships and interactions with other students and staff are invaluable.

It has been lovely welcoming Year 7 into the Wetherby High School community this half term. We have been impressed by how quickly and how well they have settled into their new routines, taken on board new subjects, embraced online learning, and made new friends. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring students in all year groups look smart in correct uniform and have their equipment and face mask for school.

Staff are pleased with how well students from all years are learning in the classroom; showing resilience and motivation to push themselves and therefore feel good about their achievements. This term we launched a new way of setting homework through our redesigned 'Online Learning'. Students who engage with and complete Online Learning are developing their ability to work independently as well as preparing themselves to be successful in their end of topic assessments and exams. Many thanks to all of the students who have completed their Online Learning for half term 1 and to all of the parents/carers who supported their children to do this. The Online Learning for half term 2 will be set on Moodle during the first week back in November, with a deadline for completion of Friday 11th December.

You will have also had the opportunity to check-in with your child(s) Coach during Meet Your Coach Week this week. We wish we could have welcomed you into the building, but I hope you found the telephone conversation informative and helpful. Hard copies of your child(s) report will be posted out to you.

I hope you have a good half term break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jefferson', enclosed in a hand-drawn oval.

Samantha Jefferson  
Headteacher