



15th February 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As we reach the end of this half term, it is fitting for us to reflect on everything we as a school community; staff, students and parents/carers, have achieved. It has been a busy and productive half term.

We are proud of our students for all their hard work and resilience in completing their online learning. I have seen so many examples of excellent pieces of work, creative ideas and most importantly, students doing the best they can in the circumstances they find themselves in. We are sharing examples of these on our @WetherbyHigh Twitter feed and our Wetherby High School Facebook page; I would encourage you to have a look. Thank you to our teaching staff for their huge effort in producing engaging and high-quality online work with regular personalised feedback. Thank you also to parents/carers and Coaches for working together to motivate, organise and praise students across the weeks. While we want students to back with us in school as soon as possible, we should remain positive about the progress they are making at home.

Students have been taking part in a range of house competitions this half term. The Year 7, 8 and 9 weekly quiz has been building momentum, it is lovely for students to be able to interact with their year group in this way. Although it does get competitive! We have also had French and Science house competitions. Thank you for sharing photos with your Coaches of activities your child has been doing to keep busy including some pictures of you having fun in the snow! These have been featured in our Chronicles which can be found on the 'Letters and Information' page on the website.

Coaches have really enjoyed having virtual face to face conversations with parents/carers on MYCD this week. There were some interesting lockdown hair styles on both students and staff! These conversations gave Coaches the chance to explain the extension to our online offer which starts for Years 7 - 10 the w/c 1st March. Students will be issued with a new online learning timetable that includes the independent learning they have been doing to date, as well as some live learning sessions with their teacher and a range of enrichment activities to choose from. Further information on this, including the timetable, will be provided the first week back after the half term break.

There is a break from online learning next week, we hope you manage to have a restful and enjoyable week. I know how challenging the past six weeks must have been for many of you, if you need any support over the next week please contact: info@wetherbyhigh.co.uk.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your ongoing support. It means a lot to staff that you take time share your kind and supportive words with us.

Yours faithfully,

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

Samantha Jefferson
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