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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that your children have settled into remote learning and that everything is going well. We are missing having a full school of students, but obviously recognise that we need to work together to try to drive down the infection rate both nationally and in our local area. Hopefully, we will all be back to school soon. I am writing with a few bits of information for the coming week.

Pastoral Care and Tutor Time

We are keen to continue pastoral care as much as possible during this period of school closure so we will be running **live tutor times starting this week**, with all year groups. These will take place at the following times:

- Year 7: Monday at 8:40am
- Year 8: Tuesday at 8:40am
- Year 9: Wednesday at 8:40am
- Year 10: Thursday at 8:40am
- Year 11: Fridays at 8:40am
- Year 12: Tuesdays at 8:40am
- Year 13: Thursdays at 8:40am.

All period 1 lessons will now begin at 9am.

Please ensure that your child logs into his or her live tutor time in the morning. Students will be sent an invitation to the live session, so please ensure that your son or daughter looks out for this.

We have also shared an **assembly** for your child to watch this week. It can be found on the Student VLE and will be shared by form tutors this week. It can also be accessed directly from YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-Uv_QPwA1o&feature=youtu.be.

I have recorded a short **Headteacher's message** for students to listen to this week. This is available on the Student VLE but can also be accessed directly from YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7nqVzHh5uk&feature=youtu.be>.

Please encourage your child to watch the assembly and the Headteacher's message so that they continue to access the important messages we would normally be giving in school.

Please note that **Year Leaders and support staff will be contacting home regarding students who do not turn up for lessons, or who are not completing the required amount of work**. Please answer the telephone if we call you; all calls are designed to support you and your children in managing remote learning in the best way possible, and to help you with any problems you may be facing. Please note that due to some

temporary staff changes, Year 8 students who need support should now contact Ms Adhami or Ms Divers, and Year 7 students should contact Mr Patel or Ms Quigley. All other Year Leaders remain the same.

Remote Learning

Teaching staff continue to provide a combination of live and recorded lessons along with work on Google Classroom, and the lessons that I have seen have been of very high quality, with students well engaged and focused. **Please encourage your child to switch on his or her camera where possible**; it really does make lessons better if everyone can see each other's faces.

If you are having problems accessing remote learning then please let Ms McCarthy know at kmccarthy@greenford.ealing.sch.uk. We will endeavour to help you, but please note that we were only given limited supplies of laptops from the Government and have prioritised vulnerable students already.

Teacher Assessments / Examinations for Year 10, 11 and 13

We are still waiting for further information about how any replacement for examinations will be managed by the Government. We will get back to you as soon as we know more. In the meantime, students should continue to work hard and complete all of their work. We are likely to have to include assessments from this year in final gradings, so it is really important that students continue to attend lessons and remain focused.

Lateral Flow Tests

We continue to plan for the possibility that lateral flow tests for Covid-19 will be used when students return to school. We have set up our testing centre and you can view photographs of this in my talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7nqVzHh5uk&feature=youtu.be>. Testing of staff and key students on site is going well. Please do return your consent form if you still need to do so.

With my best wishes for you all at this time,

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Pye
Headteacher