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Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Guardians

I thought that you would appreciate a quick update on how things are progressing at Lord Grey Academy.

You will know that the Government has said that secondary schools should plan some face to face contact for students in Year 10 and Year 12 to support their home learning. This contact has started this week and we have been really pleased to see Year 10 students and their parents coming into school for their Academic Review Meetings. We hope that you have found them useful.

I have been very concerned that students in Year 7, 8 and 9 may not have the opportunity for some face to face contact with school before the end of the term. I am pleased to say that the Government announced yesterday that this is now possible. We will be able to invite students and a parent to meet with the Form tutor to have a discussion about how things have gone with home learning and to talk through any issues that may be worrying you ahead of the summer break. We will be writing to parents about this tomorrow with details of how you can make an appointment with your child's Form Tutor. We hope that you will find this useful.

In the meantime home learning continues for all students at Lord Grey Academy. Our roll out of a greater number of video lessons is continuing and we hope that this provides a more engaging learning experience for students at home. We have also put together some cross curricular challenge material for anyone who is finding they have completed their home learning and is at a loose end! The pastoral support offered by Lord Grey continues too and I would urge parents to contact the Form Tutor if you have any concerns about your child's welfare and progress.

As you will have seen in the media, there has been lots of discussion about the reopening of schools and many predictions of what the situation might look like in September. The short answer is that no one knows what we will be able to offer in September. However, I would like to reassure parents that we are planning for a number of possible scenarios that vary from being fully open to a mixture of home learning and partial opening. Based on the current conditions and requirement to keep two metre social distance, it would be impossible to imagine a normal start to the new school year. But if infection rates continue to decline this policy might be modified in some way and if this was the case it would certainly open up the possibility for a larger number of students returning to school in September. Let's hope this is the case.

Thank you for your continued support of Lord Grey Academy.

Your sincerely

Jim Parker
Principal

