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Dear Parents/Carers,

We finally come to the end of the spring term, and sadly again it has not been a term without disruption. It seems like an age ago when staff came back for our training day on January 2nd, ready to welcome back our students from their Christmas break only to be told that we would be entering the third lockdown. We quickly implemented our remote learning policy enabling students to access their lessons online, secured and distributed over 250 laptops to our students and provided over 60 of our vulnerable students and children of key workers with onsite provision.

I must thank parents and carers for their support in making the remote education of our students a success, I know that it cannot have been easy having to encourage your children to remain focused for such a long period of time whilst working from home. Our students have showed a lot of resilience and endeavour, with 90%+ attending their remote learning.

Earlier in the term, at the end of January, we had a successful monitoring visit from Ofsted where inspectors informed us that we were making good progress and praised the leadership of the Academy, the excellent behaviour for learning of our students and the high quality of our remote teaching and learning provision, praising the work of both our teachers and support staff. ([Ofsted Report](#))

Ahead of our full return, we started conducting our lateral flow tests to ensure that our students had a safe return to Academy, within two weeks, we completed over 1700 tests and continue to send out test kits for home testing for all staff and students twice a week.

This term also saw us receive some fantastic news in the announcement that we are to have a new school. Our new school is set to open in September 2023 and we can't wait! This will be a huge project but a really exciting one and we look forward to working with staff, students and parents in planning for our new school. I look forward to keeping you updated with the progress of the build over the coming months.

There have been changes within the Academy too, only this week we appointed a Head of Music to deliver music within our Key Stage 3 curriculum from September. We have also introduced some new courses into our Year 9 options programme which we are incredibly excited about delivering in the new academic year.

So, in short, very exciting times are ahead!

I hope you and your families have a restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing students again at the start of the summer term.

Take care.

Mr Holder

Headteacher

