

10th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all staying safe and well. It has been another challenging term for us all and I just want to thank you for the support you have shown our school and given your daughter with her school work. You have been amazing at supporting school alongside balancing daily life; Ensuring your daughter sticks to the morning routines, attends registrations, stays engaged with learning and of course informing the tutor if there are any issues along the way. We really are incredibly grateful for the care you take to work so closely with school.

Your daughter has conducted herself in an outstanding manner throughout this time. The majority of students have worked and adapted, once again, to yet more change. With this being the second period of remote learning we have all developed strategies and have a greater understanding of what works for the students in general. Our students have coped fantastically well and we are frequently impressed by their perseverance. Even in times of struggle with motivation, students have stayed on course and showed great resilience. It is a challenging time for children in education and they are an asset to NSG and a credit to you.

Following on from this, it is a busy time after half-term for you and your daughters. Firstly, there is the virtual parents evening on the 25th February that you have received details about in a letter from Mr Parker. It will be a valuable opportunity to communicate with teachers and hear about the progress this year and areas for development. Bookings for the parent - teacher evening can be made from Friday 12th February at 4.00pm onwards.

Secondly, your daughter will soon be choosing her GCSE courses (you will have received information for this from Mr Smith). This is truly an exciting experience for your daughter, as it will give her a timely boost to start thinking about her future, when we are out of this current situation. She will be able to think more positively about her education and the subjects she enjoys, which will be beneficial to her academic progress and her wellbeing.

As always the wellbeing of your daughter is paramount, it is essential that over the half-term she takes this opportunity to have a break from the screen, get some fresh air and exercise. There are also more wellbeing activities available on the student section of the school website. As always, if you have any further questions about anything please contact your daughter's tutor or myself and we will aim to support.

Wishing you all the very best and hope you and your daughter have a good rest over half term and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 9 Elm and Oak

