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Dear parents and carers

There are no major developments today as we are all waiting for the release of the Ofqual consultation on the Summer Examination Series. I am however acutely aware of the challenges the current situation is having on families and young people. By way of support I have attached the contact details of various organisations that support the well being of young people for a wide range of reasons. Please feel free to use these if you feel they may be of benefit. Alternatively you can contact your child's form tutor or Pastoral Manager in the first instance for Pastoral issues or subject teachers for learning based questions. The structure of all school email addresses is as follows:

Initial.surname@longdean.herts.sch.uk

To inform us of a positive Covid19 case for a student please use:

covidreporting@longdean.herts.sch.uk

Remote Learning

Last night my Senior Team discussed the initial feedback we have received on this. It is based on the views of students attending school and parents who have emailed school directly as well as some views from staff. I have summarised the key points below. Whilst the sample is small and we are only in the second week the responses are pretty positive whilst outlining some things to look at. We will look at this again in a larger way over the next fortnight. The key points are below:

Parents:

- Registration is a good thing – provides structure to the day
- Engagement higher than last time and students seem more motivated at home than in last lockdown

Students:

- Students prefer when teachers are on Teams the whole time, not just there to start the lesson as they can be engaged with via the chat function.
- Students state some staff check in at the beginning and at the end of lessons which is fine but it leads to the question of what if I get stuck?
- Chat function can be problematic but students like this function.

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Year 7: 01442 205758
Year 8: 01442 205706
Year 9: 01442 205703
Year 10: 01442 205760
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Year 12: 01442 205720

Social Media:

PE: @LongdeanPE
Science: @LongdeanScience
History: @LongdeanHistory
Film Studies: @LongdeanFilm



Where we can look to improve:

- Submission of work and opportunity for feedback and homework needs to be looked into as perhaps a little inconsistent.
- Developing the break out room element of Teams could be a good idea to support some learners who need assistance with work

I hope you have an enjoyable end to the day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Cunningham', written in a cursive style.

Graham Cunningham
Headteacher