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Dear Parents, Pupils and Colleagues

This is my final message to you before we start our Mid-term break and I wanted to begin by telling you just how impressed I have been with the manner in which the *#collegetcommunity* has engaged with remote learning since we 'returned' to school following the Christmas break. Thank you.

It has not been easy, I know! In a very real sense many of us are still learning about how to make best use of the time we are spending on remote learning, each one of us doing our very best to ensure that it benefits everyone, whilst also making sure that no-one comes under unnecessary pressure.

For the remainder of this week (**Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th February**), therefore, my expectation is that everyone will continue to follow their timetables, but with a view to tying up loose ends. These three days **will not be for the setting of new work**; rather, they will provide teachers and pupils with a real opportunity to:

- Finish off topics;
- Complete work already set;
- Consolidate learning through effective revision.

Above all, these three days will enable teachers and tutors to offer their classes appropriate academic and/or pastoral support. To our *#collegeboys* I would ask that if you *do* need that little bit of help and guidance at this time, use your timetabled classes to let your teachers and/or your Form Tutors know. I know that they will be only too willing to support you!

Next week will allow each one of us to take a complete and well-deserved break from our screens. Pupils will not be set any work for completion during this time, so that they have the chance to recharge and be ready to engage meaningfully with remote learning when the second half of Term 2 begins on 22nd February 2021.

Once again, 'thank you' to each one of you – parent, pupil and colleague - for your incredible efforts over the past six weeks. Above all, please enjoy the break and continue to make your mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health a priority in the days to come.

With every good wish.

Stay safe

FJM Madden
Principal

