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Dear Parents/Carers

Week 3 Update

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the third week of this term, I am sure like me you feel it has been much longer. Thank you so much for continuing messages of support and appreciation for all that CG staff are doing to ensure students feel supported and able to engage in high quality learning opportunities despite the ongoing lockdown. Also, our gratitude to you the families for the ongoing assistance you provide to ensure students can continue to work hard, their engagement levels are excellent.

There are so many advantages in having access to technology in the current situation, allowing students and staff the opportunity to carry on working together to share high quality learning opportunities. However, there are also disadvantages to home working, one of which being the lengthening of working days for all. By having access to each other and resources at all hours, this has increased stress levels and is not good for maintaining a healthy work life balance. Something that is even more vital in these challenging times. We have had contact from a number of families this week about students not coping with the intensity of home learning, so to support students from next week we will pause the setting of homework. Also, whilst we endeavour to respond to any queries you may have swiftly, please be mindful that many of our staff may be teaching all day and may not be able to respond to queries the same day that they are received.

Next week we are looking forward to our first remote parent/carer evening next week with Year 7 families, as well as the first online Equalities meeting.

The Department for Education released the consultation regarding the awarding GCSE and A Level grades this week. They would like students affected to give their view on the way forward. Below is the link if your child would like to add their thoughts.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

Again, thank you for your ongoing support. Please keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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