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Dear Parents

Re: Summer term is fast approaching

I am sorry to write to you during the Easter break and I hope you get this email while enjoying the season and you are all safe and well.

My teachers have all been working like mad getting things ready for next term and I want to thank them for that as they have not really had the Easter break that everyone needs. But, for the greater good, they have done the hard miles and I am very impressed by the developments that have been made.

To that end, I wanted to, in very broad brush-strokes, outline what is to come and to advertise that further letters will be being sent out this coming week about the shape of next term.

If I jump straight in:

- I plan for next term to start on Monday 20th April. As you know, we had hoped to have staff training on that day but with lockdown still in place I think it is better to jump right in.
- Through remote learning we intend school days to happen as they would if school was open, so lessons will be loaded (all in the morning of the relevant day), work will be set and marked as usual.
- Students will be registered every morning.
- There will be one school assembly and one form assembly every week (this will be different in the Junior School).
- Tutors in the Senior School will contact their tutees by school email twice a week and you, as parents once a week (at least).
- Firefly will be our one-stop shop whether we are using other tools (like Zoom) or not, all links and lessons will be on Firefly.

As the term unfolds we will see how all of that works and we will take advantage of the possibilities that emerge, as I am sure they will. We are looking at a range of online teaching tools and you will see more and more of them used when it is best for them to be deployed.

Had we been open as normal we would have had internal examinations by the end of this coming half-term. In the hope that we are allowed to open by the Government in June, I have

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delayed the exams until then. If we are not opened at that point, then we will construct a distance equivalent.

Over the coming week, you will receive from my colleagues more details about how this will operate from a pastoral and academic perspective but I wanted, at this time, to give you a heads up about how it will work.

I hope all of that makes sense and if it does not then the subsequent letters will make it all clear when you receive them.

I hope your Easter has been good, the bunny was generous (I have never really understood the mythology of the bunny, but as you see in my mind I equate him/her with Santa), and you are all safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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