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Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly update: 10th July

As always, I hope my weekly letter finds you safe and well.

Recognition Assembly

Today saw our usual end of term celebration assembly presented in a very unusual way, as a Microsoft Teams presentation. As usual, awards were made to students who have achieved amazing things over the time of the school closure despite not being here with us. Students have all received the link to watch the presentation in Teams, and I invite you all to ask your children to let you see the presentation and hear about the awards that have been made. Our recognition assemblies are always wonderful occasions when we celebrate the great work of our young people; it is sad that we cannot have them in the building to share this time together, but we are delighted to have been able to celebrate together even if in a very unusual manner. I am very proud of everything they have achieved.

Prime Minister's address to school leavers

At the same time that our recognition assembly went live on Teams, Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a speech from Downing Street to all school leavers. If your children are in years 11 or 13, you may want to watch this with them, if you have not already done so. Even if your children are not leaving school this year, you may want to listen to what he had to say. You can find the speech here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-WsDuO6Gmw>

School re-opening

I wrote to you last week regarding government guidance on the re-opening of schools in September. All our children will return to us at the start of the new term, and the times of the school day will be unaffected by the changes we shall make internally to make sure school is as safe as possible for students and staff. The government guidance for parents, which I also linked last week, is here for you again:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>



I know that parents, carers and children will be anxious to hear the detail of our own planning so that they can prepare for the autumn. The senior leadership in college has planning well underway now, initial plans have been discussed with the governing body, and we meet with the full staff on Tuesday to discuss the plans in detail, following which we shall begin to send out more detail to you. I am aware that we are very close to the end of term, and we shall ensure that we share as much detail as possible with you before we close for the summer next Friday.

In the meantime, we have better weather forecast for the weekend, so I hope we can enjoy some sunshine and relaxation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S R Carson', is written over a light grey grid background.

Dr S R Carson
Head teacher