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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Easter break I did not want to miss the opportunity to pass on my praise and recognition for the excellent return to the academy by our students and thank you for your ongoing support. I also wanted to share with you some of the plans as we very much look forward to the students return to the next phase when we return to school on Monday, 19 April 2021.

It hasn't been a straightforward few weeks for students, their families or staff with new challenges being necessary, including lateral flow testing needing to be in place as the school returned. All the students with whom consent has been given have gone through the lateral flow testing process. Throughout this time we have tested over 85% students. The team of staff working on the testing process commented each day on the exemplary manner in which students conducted themselves during these tests. This has made a difficult and complex process more straightforward and the students have coped superbly and been an absolute credit to themselves and their families.

Furthermore, the general conduct of our students adapting back to the expected school routines both in lessons and around the academy has been most encouraging across all year groups. The school has been transformed back into a thriving community and it has been a joy to see.

When we return on Monday, 19 April we are focusing on our consistency with uniform and ensuring all standards in school for our students are nothing short of excellent, jumpers or sweaters under blazers will no longer be worn. I want to thank you for your support in ensuring your child has returned to school looking exemplary thus far, we will only ever achieve the sustained excellence we strive for if we work in partnership together. Should you have matters concerning uniform please do get in touch.

We have now reached a very positive phase in these challenging times, with an opportunity to begin making steps to normalise and rebuild the wellbeing and education for our students; coming back stronger and staying 'better'.

Finally, spring time is a time associated with new beginnings and we hope that this is reflected on our return. In the meantime I do hope that you have a great Easter break and we look forward to working with you and your child when we return.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Downing
Principal