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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 10 Students

I hope that you and your families are all well.

Following my [letter](#) earlier this week about on-site provision I can confirm that all students invited to attend after half term have now received their letters. I will contact you again once further government guidance for schools has been formulated, released, deciphered and acted upon.

The vast majority of Year 10 students will continue working from home immediately after half term and I am writing to update you on our evolving home learning provision. This can be read in conjunction with yesterday's [DfE guidance](#) for secondary schools.

We have been working with our Heads of Teaching and Learning to continue to communicate with students to check understanding and enable them to access feedback on their work. Subjects will continue to carry out learning reviews during the summer term, as a result of which students will be able to access online feedback. Feedback plays a key role in learning and it will provide students with a greater sense of purpose for their work and also enable teachers to reward their efforts. Staff will begin to award Achievement Points after half term.

Lessons continue to be planned and set in line with examination board requirements so we are confident that work set is relevant and that students are not missing any key topics. Students are able to email their teachers about their work and if you are concerned about your child's progress, please contact Mr Stokes and Mrs Duala by email in the first instance. This link refers to the [FAQ document](#) previously released giving advice about how parents can support learning at home.

We have been sent the following [link](#) which details local support for mindfulness and wellbeing.

I would like to thank all parents/carers for your support with Home Learning and the positive messages you have been sending into the school about the lessons your children are being set. We recognise that they cannot replace normal lessons which include teacher explanations of tasks and ideas and those all-important classroom interactions. In light of this we have been exploring ways of further developing our home learning provision and we will be leading training sessions to facilitate this after half term.

We will be designing and sending out a second parental survey to ascertain your views on home learning provision at Downlands and a student survey where we hope to get an idea of the home learning activities students most value. We will feedback to you again once we have received and analysed the information from the surveys.

In the meantime, please take care and I hope that you and your family can enjoy some time together over half term.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Wignall  
Headteacher

