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# Ralph Allen School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The new year began with a promise of two weeks in lockdown and online learning. This was understandable and a manageable timescale. It did however lead to a full six weeks in isolation and distance learning. Together we have worked hard to support the students so they can continue learning and stay connected to the school. Technology has also helped the school continue to function with: parents' evenings, UCAS applications, Oxbridge and University interviews, assemblies and options evening all going ahead. Well done to all involved!

## Next term

- **Friday 5 March** - Inset day. This will also be a wellbeing focus day for students
- **Monday 8 March** – we hope all students will be back in school; however, Government announcements will be made on 22 February
- **Monday 8 March** - Options forms from all year 9's to be returned. If we are not back in school, the forms can be emailed (More detail on this will be sent if required)
- **Thursday 18 March** – Year 7 parents' evening. This will be an early closure
- Year 8 reports will be sent at the end of term 4
- Full guidance on the examination process for this year will be communicated
- **Wednesday 31 March** – Year 12 parents' evening

## Year 10 Parents' Evening

This was the highest attended parents' evening with nearly every student having an appointment. This is a fantastic time to catch up about progress of individual students. We will consult with you all later in the year, but it seems the virtual Parents' Evenings may be something we keep following our departure from lockdown.

## New timetable

We are still only two weeks into the slight alterations. All lessons still follow the students timetable with some consolidation lessons. These are individual for each student and will be communicated by the teacher. These consolidation lessons will not be scheduled on their calendar on Teams.

All year groups have had focus group which were hosted by a member of the Leadership Team. These were organised to enable students to have the chance to feedback on how they are doing and their experience of how the online lessons are working. It was clear that they are enjoying the experience, but they have made several suggestions on how we can tweak our ways of working to support them further. Their feedback was very thoughtful and constructive and another highlight of how amazing our young people are. Well done to all of our students for how they have adapted to remote learning.

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## Important – What to do if your child has a positive case of Covid-19 during the holidays?

- Where a child tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school then parents must inform the school on 07923986146
- Where a child tests positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents/Carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace

Further information can be found on the school website [here](#).

I hope everyone finds the time to relax over the holiday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough'.

**Andy Greenhough**  
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