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Dear parents and carers,

As I write we are still COVID free as a school community, however we are aware that local cases seem to be increasing, with a number of local schools closed to groups of students. I would like to thank all of those families who have self-isolated when appropriate to keep the rest of us safe.

English, Media and Drama (EMD) Day

The last day of the October half-term is always our EMD day. This year, year 7-9 will be taking part in activities during the day and have already been invited to come in costume for the day. I would now like to extend the invitation to dress up as a character from literature, film or television on the last day of half-term to the whole student body. This is not compulsory, students are welcome to wear their normal school clothes if they would prefer.

Contactless payments

As you know, we have switched off our fingerprint scanners in the food collection areas as part of our COVID risk assessment. Students are giving their names verbally upon payment. Could we ask you to remind your child/children to double check the name that displays on the till is in fact their name, spelled correctly. There have been a few errors which we are keen to avoid.

A level and GCSE Exams

The government have announced a 3-week delay to the public examinations at the end of the year. We do not yet have the finalised timetables, but will of course share these with students as soon as they are available. The results days have also been pushed back to the week of 23 August. We will be reviewing study leave dates closer to the examinations. It is our view that the more time we can offer in lessons with staff the better, given the disruption that has already taken place. More information to follow.

Dogs, etc!

In case you didn't see our recent Facebook post, which was our most popular of all time, students at Weald went on a dog rescuing spree last week! A puppy was returned to a house near the Tonbridge campus and a runaway dog was retrieved from a park near Kent College. More evidence, if any were needed, of the wonderful young people we have here at Weald of Kent!

Thank you, as always, for your support of the school.

Yours sincerely,



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