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Year 8 Students Return To JQA from Monday 7th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote to you last week to explain the staffing pressures we were experiencing because of Covid and the contingency measures we needed to put in place as part of our <u>Outbreak Management Plan</u>. I would like to thank you for your support with this and helping your child to continue their learning from home.

While I appreciate it may have come as a disappointment, but it has been wonderful to see so many students engaging with the expertly-delivered live lessons and completing the associated Assignments. I hope you might have listened in, as I did, to the quality of these sessions and even helped students with tasks set. This provision we have set up is best-practice and rooted in research around <u>Remote Learning</u>. The <u>timetable in place</u> allows a broad and a balanced curriculum with a wide range of subjects and for students to continue to follow the well-planned sequences of learning in those subjects – so they can shift back seamlessly to learning in classrooms next week.

Returning to JQA on Monday

With isolations coming to an end and staff returning to school, we have reviewed the arrangements and the staffing pressures have now stabilised.

I would like to warmly welcome back all students in Year 8, <u>in full school uniform</u>, for 8.30 on Monday 7th February.

Students should also bring their Guided Reading books back with them and make sure they have their JQA planner as part of the expected equipment.

Returning Loan Laptops

We were pleased to offer all families the chance to borrow a laptop from us to support their child to access our Remote Learning timetable. 23 families borrowed a laptop and these should be returned <u>by parents/carers</u> (along with the charger) to Reception as soon as possible. Thank you also to families who came along to Reception to collect packages of food our wonderful catering team had put together.

I would like to thank you all for your support during this period and I look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday morning for 8.30.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Barton – Head of School

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