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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your family are well. Learning here continues at pace for all students alongside community events and wider curricular activities. Over the last few weeks students have had the opportunity to come together in a variety of forms from our whole school Remembrance Service, College Assemblies, Tutor group work focusing on Anti Bullying week, Student Leadership work and of course our annual Children in Need X Factor event this evening.

If you have not yet done so please do take a look at the website article of our Remembrance Day Service [here](#) , our full community came together taking time to remember all those who have given their lives, both past and present, to secure our freedoms. A special mention to Zack, Alex and Marley who led students in laying the wreath, they did a wonderful job.

The countdown is nearly complete to the start of the Football World Cup in Qatar, England's first game will be on Monday at 1pm, the only possible England game of the tournament scheduled during school hours. To that end, we will be facilitating five College venues here at school for students to watch the match should they wish. Students will have normal timetabled lessons P1-3, all the school will have lunch during our first sitting so those who wish to watch the game can do so from 1pm. Sixth Form students will be allowed to leave site at 12:20pm. For students who do not wish to watch, Tutors will provide two lessons in tutor rooms looking at fun, wellbeing style activities. We appreciate for some of our students, especially those with sensory needs, watching this event in a large busy space will be challenging so our Learning Support and Nurture provision will still be open to cater for the needs of those students. It's really important that students work together and mix between year groups within our College structure so I do hope you support this decision. I know many of our students have expressed a wish to watch the game.

Can I please remind all parents when dropping off or collecting students from the main carpark, we ask it to be done so from rows 2 or 3 to limit traffic where students will be crossing. Please do not use the disabled parking bays unless eligible to do so. We have limited available for blue badge holders and/or children with mobility needs.

Lastly today, I would like to seek your views please on Home Learning. As part of our ambition to constantly improve the curriculum for our students we feel that now normal routines are established following the pandemic, it is an appropriate time to review our Home Learning Policy. Your feedback is vital in helping us find and the right balance of homework so it's both useful and challenging in supporting appropriate learning outside the classroom. The questionnaire should take only a few minutes to complete and will close next Friday.

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Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell
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