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Dear Parent / Carer

As we reach the end of week two of the remote learning, I would like to thank you once again for the great effort and commitment you are putting in to ensure that your children are receiving the best possible remote learning experience. I think all of our expectations have grown, not just since the last lockdown, but since last week! I have been hugely impressed by the engagement of students, the quality of work Oakbank they are producing and by the range of different activities they are now experiencing.

In the last week we have begun to build up our live learning content and the feedback I am receiving about this has been very positive. As we build this element of our online provision I am very keen to hear how it is going from your end, if you have anything you would like to share – good or bad – please email me (rbertrand@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk) We are continuing to improve and develop this area of our work so all feedback is really helpful

Year 10 Parent's Evening

I would like to extend a huge apology to all parents and students of Y10 following the IT failure which spoilt last night's parent's evening. The problem lay with School Cloud, the company we have hired to enable evenings like this, as you can imagine I have had some stern words with them this morning!

I was very excited by the uptake for this parent's evening, with nearly all Y10 parents making appointments to talk to the teachers, so it was a real shame the event did not take place as we would have liked. In order to make sure that you do get the chance to talk to teachers we have rearranged the evening for Thursday March 18th. This will follow the next set of progress data so we can see how students have progressed during the year and, this time, we have been assured that there will be no problems!

Year 7 Parent's Evening

This takes place on Thursday 21st January and is now opening for booking and you can do this by visiting: <https://oakbankschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/> It would be great if we can see you all there! I have been guaranteed, by School Cloud, that the problems we had with the Y10 parents' evening will not be repeated – I do hope this is the case!!

Year 11 Exams

We are still no clearer about how GCSEs will be assessed this year. As soon as we have any information in this regard we will let you know! We do know, however, that teachers will be providing at least part of the final assessment grade and that this means that all the work that is being done at the moment is absolutely crucial. In particular the mock exams that take begin on Monday 25th January are crucial.

All Y11s have now received their mock timetable and they need to be preparing themselves for this assessment. The work that is taking place on line at the moment is supporting them in this, but they could also be using their time to revise, using apps like GCSEpod. The mocks will be delivered online and we will be providing detailed information about the process nearer to the time. If you, or your child, has any concerns about these mocks please contact the Head of Year 11, Mr Combstock.

Finally...

Thanks again for everything you are doing to support your children with remote learning and please get in touch with any feedback, good or bad.

Kind regards

Robin Bertrand