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Dear Year 9 Parents,

I hope you are all well and continue to cope during this tricky period. I am incredibly grateful for the support you have given not only to your son but also to the School. All of you will no doubt be under a great deal of pressure and managing and juggling life has taken on a whole new meaning in recent months. I thought I would share a brief diary entry, so you don't feel like you are alone!

Day 48:

"Boris made his announcement this evening. It was very odd to sit down with all the family to watch the news and for everyone to be interested. You can imagine the two different faces when he said Year 1 will go back and not Year 3. The Year 3 looked like he won the lottery. To be fair to the Year 1, she put up a good fight and said she wanted to go back anyway, so there! She then burst into tears, so did I; homeschool will have to remain open."

The main reason I write, other than to wish you well, is that post half term your son will only be continuing to study the subjects he has chosen for GCSE. We hope this will allow increased focus on his option subjects and a chance to get a head start on his GCSEs. It will also afford him a slightly reduced timetable as the number of subjects being studied narrows to 10. Your son should appear in the correct Team for each of his option choices after half term, but if he does not appear in an option subject Team by Tuesday 2nd June, please contact the Subject Leader (listed below) and copy in Miss Munday (hrm@rgshw.com). The GCSE PE lessons will occur on a Thursday during periods 5 and 6.

Based on feedback from pupils, parents and staff we are also intending to run a similar Inspiration Week commencing Monday 22nd June. We had previously considered a third such week but having reviewed the process we feel that a single week to break up the term would work best. We will be in touch nearer the time with more details.

I wish you all a wonderful half term; please enjoy each other's company and keep safe.

Kind regards

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