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Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

We are now in the final two months of the academic year and we would like to give you some important pastoral information and curricular updates. As you are aware this has been a particularly difficult period for our College family and we would like to thank you for your messages of support.

During this extended period of distance learning pastoral care for our boys remains central to all that we do. With this in mind, the Heads of Year are setting up Pastoral Google Classrooms for each year group and we hope that you will encourage your son to sign up. The Pastoral Teams will be putting up materials on various aspects of the Preventative Curriculum. As we move forward with Google Classroom, all the boys must sign in using their c2k email addresses and **not** personal email accounts. So when the boys are registering for the Pastoral Classrooms set up by the Head of Year, they must do so using their c2k email accounts. The access codes will be displayed on the MY SCHOOL Home page for each year group, and classrooms can initially be accessed through the Google Classroom App within the c2k Home page. Any pupil who needs assistance with c2k passwords can receive help from Mr. K O'Kane (ICT Manager kokane550@c2ken.net).

We want to thank you again for everything you have done so far, and continue to do, to support the distance learning process in your home. We remain conscious that supporting the work of the boys, whilst balancing your own family and work commitments, has presented challenges and very much appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring the boys are continuing to meet the demands of working from home. Ordinarily during this final period of the school year we would be stressing to our Year 10 pupils the importance of working hard through to the end of term. The College's Year 10 Curriculum is designed so that the boys are fully equipped to smoothly and successfully transition to GCSE level study. A good number of our subject areas in Year 10 include GCSE standard material, and our practice here provides a solid foundation for Year 11 work. We would therefore ask for your continued support in encouraging the boys to complete all tasks being set through subject specific Google Classrooms across the final weeks of term.

Please remember that a list of staff online contact details remains available via the College website and that Senior staff are available on site if you require any further information or support.

Yours sincerely

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