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Dear Parents/Carers

We were once again back to capacity this week with the return of our older students to school. It was great to see them back in school learning again after the half term break and firebreak week. I am pleased to report that the vast majority of our students have settled quickly back to school routines and engaged well with their learning.

It has been a significant week regarding the announcement by Welsh Government of the changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A Levels. If you have missed this news, my letter from Tuesday can be found [here](#).

Remembrance

The school fell silent for two minutes as a mark of respect for Remembrance Day on Wednesday. The silence ended with the playing of the Last Post by Mr Patterson, LDC Teacher. Well done to all our students who were fantastic in paying their respects.

Progress Evenings

As stated in my previous letter, due to the current situation of the local lockdown and the numbers we are allowed in school, we will not be holding face-to-face progress evenings this term. We have, however, put together a video for parents/carers to watch [here](#).

In addition, our calendarised Progress Evenings will now become Tutor Evenings via telephone. Letters have been sent out to all Year 11 parents with more details on how this will be conducted on Thursday 26 November 2020, please see link [here](#) for the letter

Face Coverings

As outlined in previous communication, Newport City Council have provided clear guidance regarding the use of face coverings in schools. Key aspects for pupils is that it is mandatory (unless exempt on additional learning needs or medical grounds) to wear a face covering in home to school transport, and we strongly recommend wearing a face covering in all communal areas such as corridors and canteens (again unless exempt on additional learning needs or medical grounds).

We are asking for parental/guardian support that your child, unless exempt, brings a face covering to school and we shall encourage them to use these safely. We do have a supply of disposable masks for students who have lost or forgotten theirs; however, supplies are limited.

And finally ...

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr. D. Curtis
Headteacher/Pennaeth