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Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Although the majority of you continue to face the challenge of the school being closed, I write to welcome you back from half term (I will shortly present the words below to you in the form of a remote assembly). I am sorry not to be able to offer any more than that, because we remain very keen to welcome our students back to school, yet obviously need to follow government advice on safety. We are already open to vulnerable and key worker children and it is now a case of carefully and cautiously expanding these numbers over the coming few weeks. Ultimately it is a balance about accessing education and ensuring safety and we will do all that is possible to achieve both.

There are no detailed plans on exactly what re-opening of schools will look like, and we have thought very carefully about how best to face this challenge in our own context. It is anticipated that we will provide some education on site from June 15th onwards, to Year 10 students (on a 1:1 basis initially), and this will then build to having some on site group teaching from the end of June. The regular form tutor contact for all students is an important part of engaging remotely and please continue to access this. Shropshire Council have sent a letter for all parents and carers, about re-opening - <https://priory.tpstrust.co.uk/media/4529/kb-1265-parents-and-carers-letter.pdf>.

In addition, I have one or two pieces of news to share.

Senior Leadership Team changes: Mrs Pope, as you know, takes up the role of Headteacher from September onwards and we were about to go through an interview process for the replacement Deputy Headteacher, when we were forced to close. She has therefore decided on some temporary (internal) appointments from September 1st 2020 onwards:-

Mrs Knight will become Deputy Headteacher

Mr Bucknall will become Assistant Headteacher (Student Welfare) – the role presently being carried out by Mrs Knight

Mrs Alexandre will become Head of Darwin House.

Communicating with school: Even though we aim to increase slowly the numbers on site, we still operate a skeletal staffing level, and therefore using info@tpstrust.co.uk is the correct method to use to communicate with us – your email will be forwarded to the appropriate individual(s). If you wish to make contact about a student who is in school on a particular day, then please call the usual number. Unless your child is in school, please do not phone us.

Imagine (version by The Priory School staff and students): we had some way over 70 students and staff taking part in this, thanks to the work of Mr Austin. Although I cringe at the first few bars of my own singing, thankfully it gets much better after this! It was tremendous how so many of our community came forward to contribute. You can listen to this through Microsoft Streams, accessible through Show My Homework.

2.6 challenge: Mr Bucknall, in his imminent House assembly, will make reference to this, but I want to express my own gratitude for all who took part in this. Thanks to the work of Mr Deery, and subsequently all those who took part, staff and students raised nearly £15,000 and took our charity total to well over £25,000.

As always, I wish you safety and good health in these times. Should any of the government guidance/advice change in the coming days and weeks, causing us to adjust our plans, then I will be in touch to inform you of these.

With all good wishes,



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