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Dear parents/carers

At the end of a school term I would normally write to you sharing the events of the term, celebrating successes and advice for students for the rest of the school year.

It seems strange that for most of our young people the end of term has come a little early and the uncertainty of the next few weeks is a constant worry for us all.

So on this, the Feast of St Cuthbert's, our patron saint, I would just like to take the opportunity of saying thank you.

Firstly, to our wonderful young people of whom I am so proud and are a credit to themselves, their families and the school community.

Secondly to our families who continue to work with us to ensure our students have the best opportunities to live life in all its fullness and finally (but by no means least) to the dedicated staff who never cease to amaze me with the work that they do for our school and young people. I am sure you will agree that the most recent and very creative ways in which to stay in touch with our students and their families is evidence of this.

To the families of Year 11, I would normally take this opportunity to encourage them to be revising and preparing for their GCSEs. This has not changed!! I have this week watched the confusion and anxiety shown by our Year 11 students – we are all unsure of how the summer qualifications will look but to our young people – stay focused, carrying working on core subjects and those which you wish to continue to study from September onwards. Keep all your work safe at home to show colleges and employers what you are capable of – as more information comes out, I will keep you informed and continue to push for answers.

So in the coming days/weeks, please continue to keep in touch by social media, MyED, phone calls. Please keep an eye on all media platforms to get latest communication. Encourage our children to do the work that is available for them and keep a structure to their day.

Some children will still be attending school and so for them little will be different. Stay safe and look after each other.

Once we have information about a return to school, I will let you know.

God bless.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs C Twist Headteacher











