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Dear parent / carer,

As we complete this remarkable term, please allow me to thank all of you for your support and unfailing efforts in looking after our students in these genuinely uncertain times. We are each likely to have learned things through the adversity of recent months, and although I'm sure we would have absolutely preferred to make these learning gains in a totally different way, I remain hopeful that new insights will help us all to develop further resilience and other positive character traits eventually.

Monday 12th April is a Staff Training Day. On Tuesday 13th April we will be thrilled to welcome all students back to face-to-face teaching on our campus. Our classrooms will again be used for the purposes for which they were designed and both staff and students will return to more familiar styles of teaching and learning. It has been wonderful to see everyone for a short time this week. As indicated in our previous communications, our re-opening procedures are all in place and we feel strongly that we have made our practices as safe and robust as current circumstances permit. Please may I remind students in Years 10-13 who are taking the voluntary Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly that these should **not** be taken over Easter, except on the evening of Sunday 11th April.

We will help all students who may feel anxious about their full-time return to school to reintegrate successfully, and we will continue to monitor the wellbeing of all, including those facing final assessments as their 'examination' subjects draw gradually to a close and evidence-based Centre Determined Grades are formulated. Please be so good as to assist all students to return to school in their full school uniform as best you are able. After what we all hope will be a good Easter break, we eagerly anticipate the new term, and we will continue to hold events such as Parents' Evenings virtually (*for Year 7, on Thursday 22nd April*), until we are able to assess the most appropriate way forward once again.

The new term sees Mr Colin Ellis join us as Headteacher. It has been a very great privilege for me to lead the school this year, and I am thankful to have been able to serve Castell Alun for a time in this role. I am truly grateful to all staff, students, parents / carers and School Governors for all the support and encouragement you have shown our school team since September, and I know that this will continue as we look forward collectively to a new season.

I hope you enjoy a peaceful, safe and healthy Easter break.

Best wishes

Paul Edwards