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Dear Parents

I write as we approach the end of first autumn half-term; a term certainly without precedent. Despite one-way systems, year group bubbles, face-coverings and modified timetables, it has been a joy to see our students back in their classes, engaging with teachers and progressing with their learning.

Thankfully, our school community has not been affected by positive cases. We are always alert to the changing picture locally and nationally and have procedures in place to respond should we be required to do so.

In the event that students need to be away from school for Covid related reasons, we have in place a remote learning programme, details of which can be found on our [website](http://www.oathall.org) by following the learning tab. A separate [letter](#) has also been produced for you, which explains our remote learning procedures under various possible scenarios.

If you need to contact the school during the half-term break to inform us of positive test results or other related matters, please use the office@oathall.org email address which will be monitored throughout the week.

I am pleased to say we have been able to develop our PE changing facilities so that when students return to school in November, full school uniform should be worn each day. Unsurprisingly, maintaining uniform standards over recent weeks has been made more challenging by the need to have students arrive in PE kits on certain days. We will be very much focussed on this when we return and I would like to thank you in advance for your support on this. A separate [letter](#) giving further guidance on uniform matters is available.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we have been looking very carefully at our whole-school timetable, exploring how we might enable teachers to return to their specialist classrooms whilst ensuring that we remain fully compliant with DfE guidance.

I am pleased to say that from Monday 2 November, students will be following revised timetables. Further enhancements to room cleaning will go alongside this new timetable and other mitigations (one-way systems, face-coverings, split break and lunchtimes etc) will remain in place as before.

All students will be issued with paper copies of their new timetables today and they will be available to view electronically through Insight from 2/11.

For those parents with children in year 11, I hope that you found the teacher consultations this week useful. Aside from a small number of glitches, initial feedback seems to indicate that the software worked well.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding though this very testing term. I wish and you families a restful half-term.

Kind regards

Edward Rodriguez
Headteacher