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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may well have heard about the possibility of Year 10 and 12 students returning to school for what the government describes as 'some face to face support' at some point from 1 June. We are currently considering what this may look like in practice whilst minimising risks and keeping staff and students safe. The thought of having more students back in school is fantastic, however, as you can imagine, there are many issues to resolve before a successful phased re-opening of KLB can take place. At this stage, I ask for your patience as we await clarity on how this can be done safely and effectively. I will be back in touch as plans develop, this may well be towards the end of next week.

It will remain the case, however, that the majority of work that Year 10s do next term will be from home. As the duration of lockdown lengthens, KLB is considering ways it can broaden the home learning offer. Like many parents, we have contacts, links and networks with other local schools. In such circumstances as these, schools are not in competition with each other but collaborating to understand the benefits and limitations of what can be done to effectively educate pupils remotely. We have adapted our home-learning approach as time has gone on and I do hope that for many, the experience of studying from home has been positive. We have had a number of questions asked about video-conferencing. We did, and still do have concerns about the use of video-conferencing / live lessons, however, we do realise that as time passes and students become less connected to school that there could be some benefits of its use. Some A Level subjects at KLB are trialling online 'presentations' of new content over the coming days and we will use the results of this to help inform our approach in Term 6.

I do hope that you are safe and well and that you are managing to take advantage of some of the new freedoms introduced this week.

Yours faithfully



Tim Rand
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