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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope this weekly letter finds you well.

Meet the tutors

This week, we have engaged in a series of evening meetings via Zoom where parents of students in Year 7 and Year 12 have met as tutor groups with myself, the Head of Year, Mrs Leman and the tutor group's Form Tutor. Attendance at the meetings was excellent; thank you to parents for giving up your time to join us.

Fire drill

During morning registration, each year group has been taken through a well organised, military operation for fire drills. Well done to the students who responded superbly.

School Birthday and Black History Month

Along with members of the Senior Team, I have been working with student leaders planning two annual events that students and staff look forward to. Although we have restrictions in place due to COVID health and safety, we are keen to run the events as fully as possible. Although we cannot have 1200 students in the Hall singing Jerusalem, the students and planning team will ensure that it is a school (107th) birthday to remember. Equally, a team of students are working with Mr Barnett on Black History Month; there will be some activities this month, but the main events will take place in February.

Year 11 PPEs

Year 11 have been working hard for their PPEs; the programme continues into next week as well. Once students receive their grades and feedback, we can begin to put personalised exam strategies in place and ensure that any gaps are addressed and that they feel ready for the summer examinations. As I stated in previous communication, and have said to students, these early PPEs are there to support students and help teachers to see where students need further guidance.

Year 13 2019 – 2020 fund raising

Well done to the Year 13s (2019 – 2020) for their donations to charity. After coronavirus cancelled their Year 13 prom, they decided to donate the money collected for prom tickets to charity. So far, the students have donated: £250 to Lebanon Red cross

£250 to the Stephen Lawrence charitable trust (BLM charity)

£250 to Saba Relief (Yemen charity)

If/when the prom venue refund fully, a further £500 will be donated.

So, just a short letter this week with a few updates. Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully

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