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Dear parents

I write to reassure you that everything that possibly can be done to keep your child safe and working successfully is being undertaken.

Our examination year group pupils appreciate the need for continuity and have all decided to remain in school until their exams begin in May. Some of our boarding pupils in other year groups have taken the decision to travel home. Often this has been because of impending travel restrictions being imposed by the home country but primarily, and very understandably, our pupils, who in many instances have not seen their parents since Christmas, want to be at home with their family and friends.

Regardless of any future decision taken by the UK government to close schools, the College will continue to look after our boarders in the boarding houses and we have received the necessary permissions from the local authority to do this. In addition the College will keep the boarding houses open over the May Half Term (Friday 22 - Sunday 31 May) and any boarding pupils who wish to, or need to, stay during this period will be able to do so **without** any additional charge being made.

I hope this will particularly reassure Year 11 GCSE pupils who will still have examinations to complete in June but also ensure that, no matter what the future holds for our boarding community, there is a plan in place to support them.

Clearly we all hope that there will be a swift end to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak but for those already at home and for all our local and boarding pupils, even if the government require us to close down, we will be in contact via Google Classroom, email and video conference call to ensure the academic progress of our pupils is not impeded. Work will be explained, set and marked and we are fortunate to have the capacity as a Google school to be able to maintain teaching and learning relatively easily.

I am grateful to you for your continued support and for the trust you are placing in us to maintain the highest possible standards of academic and welfare support for your child. I am very proud of the house staff who are providing outstanding emotional support and guidance to your child as well as the whole College community - the Scarborough College family, who are working tirelessly to care for the pupils and for each other.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards



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