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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11,

Last week you were informed that Newquay Tretherras is having an extended half term break this October. The rationale behind this decision can be found in the letter sent to you last Friday, which centres around student and staff well-being in these unprecedented times, and an absolute determination by Tretherras staff to stay open, safely, for the duration of the winter and spring terms.

We understand there may be some concerns about missed subject content; however, we'd like to reassure you that this won't be the case. For Year 11, and all Key Stage 5 students, this week should be viewed as a 'Reading Week'. Feedback from parents, students and teachers of Year 11 is that many are feeling overwhelmed in the current climate of 'catch-up'. Our students fully understand what is required of them, but finding the time to do so, with full timetables, presents many with a challenge.

Having a 'Reading Week' gives students the time to SORT their revision and to work on the Just Check guides, something which is beneficial to both student well-being (whereby they feel successful and motivated because they've been offered the time to actually catch-up and 'clear the decks') and also academic progress.

As parents and carers of Year 11, you will appreciate, more than most, the sheer amount of content that our young people are asked to remember for their exams. The reason why 'Reading Weeks' are adopted by most independent and top performing schools and universities, is that they allow students the space and time to consolidate, revise and familiarise themselves with taught content, before we move onto the next phase of learning. For your child, this will be content that was delivered remotely last term, and anything they have completed this half term.

As such, we would encourage your child to:

- Continue with their SORT revision process
- Continue with Just Check completion, as guided by their teacher (all guides are available on the website or on student SharePoint)
- Refer to Classcharts for teacher specific set work

'Reading Weeks' also offer students time to recoup. We would also encourage your child to rest, to be kind to themselves, to take care of themselves, and each other. Ultimately, we want them to be as prepared as possible for the grit and determination next term will require as a successful Year 11 student - it will be a busy period for our youngsters!

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any further questions about any of the above, and many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,



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