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Thursday 4th March 2021

Dear Year 11 Parent and Carer

We are delighted to welcome your child back to NT on Monday 8th March to finish Year 11. Tretherras staff are so excited to motivate, support and connect with our students once again – students belong in classrooms with their teachers!

You will be receiving lots of information over the next few days about the return and how we will undertake the testing of your children. The main message is that we will all need to follow the strict protocols to ensure this process is delivered safely and successfully.

Monday 8th March will be a very busy day, but once the testing is completed students will be able to proceed to lessons and resume their face to face learning. On Monday 15th March during an extended tutor period we will give students the plan for the remainder of the year.

We are so proud of Year 11. They have attended online lessons well and staff have celebrated some excellent examples of uploaded work. Thank you for all you have done at home to make this possible.

This letter seeks to share with you some information we trust you will find useful as your child returns to school: 1) Guidance about behaviour protocols and uniform 2) Year 11 GCSE and other qualifications this summer

1. Guidance about behaviour protocols and uniform:

At Newquay Tretherras, we are proud of the smart appearance of our students and are very appreciative of the support that you offer in maintaining the standard of uniform. School uniform is the foundation of our high standards, accompanied by a positive work ethic, and conduct in and around school.

Whilst we will continue to expect the same high standards, we are mindful that over lockdown students may have grown and many providers of uniform have been closed. Therefore, we intend to use the first two weeks back to support students with this matter. If you need any support with purchasing uniform or have any questions please contact us - we have purchased a limited number of uniform items that we can loan to students in the short term.

To help your child fully understand back to school procedures and expectations, there is a presentation for you to watch on the school website: <https://tretherras.net/returning-to-school/> It is hoped that this will pre-empt any questions you may have about the wider re-opening of school. Please watch this with your child to help them feel secure about their return. Further, all students will also have a virtual assembly to ensure that everyone has absolute clarity about our expectations of behaviour and Covid related safety protocols.

Finally, over the next few weeks, students will be completing a short questionnaire about their lockdown experience. We are proud of our outstanding safeguarding and pastoral support for all students of Tretherras. There will be a welcome back event on the 15th March where tutors will use the questionnaire responses to guide intervention and support – your child's well-being is our absolute priority.

2. Year 11 GCSE and other qualifications this summer

We feel it's important to reassure you that NT staff are working tirelessly to ensure that *all* students are supported with any work they may have missed so that our students can achieve their potential.

We have detailed a whole school approach to catching up any students who may be feeling uncertain about elements of the GCSE. Teachers have been asked to identify any students who they feel need additional support and attention in class, and we have a range of intervention strategies planned across the school.

In addition, from 15th March, there will be staffed **Study Support rooms open after school, from 3.00pm - 4.00pm**, in year group bubbles, for students to access work and resources online should they wish:

Year 7 Monday R1

Year 8 Wednesday R1

Year 9 Thursday Y16

Year 10 Tuesday Y16

Year 11 Monday and Thursday G30; G35

Teachers will use a range of work and assessment your children have done throughout their GCSE course to award their grade.

Further, there will be another opportunity for students to shine in a range of summer term 'Just Check' assessments that will run from 10th May – 21st May. Whilst this gives students a chance to better their grades as late in the year as possible, teachers will adopt a 'best of' model to ensure we capture the best of what your child has demonstrated. As you can imagine, there are strict guidelines as to what teachers can use as evidence, and we want to give students as much opportunity to succeed as possible. We will assess them only on content that has been taught and will use these vital weeks to recap and retrieve information that they are familiar with. We will be talking through all of this with the students in lessons and in tutor time.

Our absolute focus will be on student well-being and on scooping these children up, with passion and positivity, so they are in the best place to succeed.

As always, should you have any questions, about any of the above, please email enquiries@tretherras.net, or call the school directly.

Well done Year 11 for keeping up with your studies and making careful plans for your post 16 journey. We will work together to ensure the final weeks of Year 11 are as smooth and successful as they can be. As Freddie, our spiritual mentor once said, 'These are the days of our lives', let's make the most of every second.

Thank you again for all your continued support – it certainly takes a whole community to educate a child and your encouragement has been invaluable.

Best wishes



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Head of Year 11