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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL FAMILIES

Following discussion with public health Hertfordshire, and in view of the rising numbers of positive Covid-19 cases being notified at the school, we have taken the difficult but important decision to finish the school year early to avoid further spread of the disease amongst families and staff.

The arrangements will be as follows. Today (Thursday) will be the last day for all Year 7 and 9 students. From tomorrow, Years 7 and 9 will follow the Virtual Learning Curriculum from home, as we did in January, February and March of this year. Lessons will continue Friday and Monday, with Tuesday as the last day of term being House Day – again, delivered virtually.

Years 8 and 10 will be in school tomorrow (Friday) as normal, with Prize Giving assemblies and lessons until the end of the day. We will ask them to wear face masks during lessons as additional risk mitigation through the day. They will then finish and study from home next Monday and Tuesday, the same as Years 7, 9 and 12.

Details of House Day next Tuesday will be communicated to everyone as soon as they are finalised. This will be when the final House Trophy is decided with plenty to play for with house points and the participation of everyone is vital.

I am sorry that we are finishing in this way, and I would like to thank all of our families and students for being so sensible about the situation we find ourselves in. I would also like to thank you all for continuing with the twice-weekly testing and reporting which is a key component of our strategy to control the spread of the disease.

We will be communicating with you all during the holidays with details of the start of the new term, including how we propose to carrying out Lateral Flow Tests on all students on their return to school. This is part of the Government's strategy to ensure that students are safe to be back in school together at the start of the new year. The approach we take will be proportionate and hopefully as least disruptive as possible to learning and the start of the new term.

Can I thank you again for working with the school and helping to continue to deliver quality education despite the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Gray
Headteacher

