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Dear Parent/Guardian

The first half term of the year is rapidly drawing to a close and so I am writing to you to make you aware of the arrangements with regards to Sixth Form teaching during the week commencing 29th October. Whilst students based at Sturminster Newton return to school this week, those based at Shaftesbury will remain on half term holiday for a further week (returning to lessons on 5th November). This means that some Shaftesbury students may be absent from lessons during that week. Though all Shaftesbury students are welcome to attend lessons the normal arrangements for transport will not be in place and we appreciate the difficulty this may pose. I would therefore like to clarify approach that will be taken during the week and the expectations for post-16 students during this time.

- Lessons will run as normal for all Sturminster students
- Work covered in lessons will be emailed to students; copies will be sent to staff at Shaftesbury School
- Staff will provide an outline of the work to be covered during the week and this will also be emailed to students
- Staff will use the opportunity to schedule assessment, feedback and revision during the week. They will limit the coverage of new material and thus minimise the impact on absent students
- There will be an expectation that students absent during the week will cover the set work independently and return to lessons up to speed with the content

I hope this outline provides you with a clear sense of the expectations for the week and you appreciate our approach is one based on the need to continue to support the progress of the majority of students in their studies. Of course, the majority of subjects will be unaffected and thus lessons will proceed as normal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries with regards to the arrangements for the week.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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