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Weekly update for parents, carers, staff and students.

We are now into Holy Week. In normal times we would be preparing for our Lenten Liturgies and be reflecting upon the sacrifice of Jesus our saviour for us. Instead we reflect upon the sacrifices that each and every one of us is asked to make in this time of global crisis.

The School Critical Incident Team met again last Friday and the Senior Leadership Team now meets every Monday.

Key information from this meeting for Parents and carers.

Normally school would close on Thursday 9th April but we will be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children on Good Friday, Easter Monday and during the following week from 9.00 – 2.30pm. As with our existing arrangements please email lsmith@mcauley.org to book a place in advance. See the link below for further details.. <https://w.mcauley.org.uk/images/phocadownload/public-documents/news/coronavirus-updates/Partial-Closure-letter-26-March-2020.pdf>

We suggest that all our students have a break from completing any schoolwork over the Easter period. We have instructed our teaching and support staff to have a break too. As such, I'm sure that you won't expect them to respond to emails from parents or students either.

We have worked up a link to our **rewards system** to recognise great remote learning. This will start after Easter.

Our safeguarding team will be on duty and **safe and well** telephone calls will still continue to take place for our most vulnerable children.

A reminder that **well-being support** for families is available via the school website. We also have the support from Hallam Caring Services and our Buddies are in the process of setting up a rota to help their fellow students.

The first batch of **Free School Meals** vouchers have been sent out. Last week the government launched their own scheme which we will now use. Make sure that you let us have your most up to date contact details via FSM@mcauley.org.uk. If your circumstances have changed you may be able to apply for Free School Meals. You can use this link for further information and how to apply via your local council <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

We have increased our **network capacity** to meet the massive demand in email communication in support of remote learning. Well done to our IT team. We are also working on **FAQs** to help students with issues in connecting with staff.

We have now received some **guidance from OFQUAL for Y11 and Y13** regarding exam grading. This has been passed onto students and their parents and is now on the school website. This week to give some certainty to our Y11, offers to our sixth form have also gone out.

Polly will be posting some resources on our website to help with Holy Week preparations.

We pray that you and yours keep safe and well.

God Bless for a Happy Easter

John Rooney
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Cover – Barbed wire at church in Brodsworth

