



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw a close on yet another unique half term, we wanted to get in touch to thank you for all of your support throughout this challenging period. Your words of encouragement and praise have been hugely appreciated by everyone connected with the school, but your physical efforts at home have been vital in the success of our remote provision once again. Getting your children into routines, making sure they are logged onto lessons and ensuring they submit work amongst your own personal and work commitments is something that shouldn't be underestimated.

We want to publicly praise all of our amazing students. Their commitment to engaging in live lessons and online learning has been amazing. This week attendance at live lessons has not dropped below 90%, with attendance in sixth form lessons never falling below 97%. This is an absolutely astonishing figure and one which they should be really proud of.

I hope that the entire community shares our pride with the recent article in the local press. For anyone who didn't see the article, please see the following link:

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/how-derbyshire-school-praised-parents-4957036.amp>

Once again we also want to pay testament to all of the incredible staff at the academy. From every single person, leaders, teachers and support staff, the effort has been monumental. Over 5000 live lessons have taken place over the half term and the quality of teaching, combined with the level of care, has once again been nothing short of phenomenal.

There is a government announcement due on Monday 22 February and until we have further information regarding their plans for the reopening of schools, there is little point in speculating what may or may not happen. We will endeavour to digest the information quickly when it arrives and communicate with you again during the first week back.

We hope that over half term everyone gets the opportunity for a good rest and enjoys some time away from a screen. Whilst we are limited in our ability to interact, we urge everyone to get outdoors, take some exercise and find time for yourselves.

Once again, thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely

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