



11th February, 2021.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I thought I would just write to say thank you for all your support over this term while we have had to implement our remote learning provision.

Year 9 options have been submitted and are now being processed, along with our Sixth Form applications for current Year 11 and UCAS applications for Year 13.

Our live assemblies have proved an excellent source of information as it has allowed students from all year groups to ask myself and their Head of Campus direct questions. Many have obviously been about future reopening. We have had no further details (at time of writing) about the form this will take or how grades will be awarded in the summer. As always, we will be in touch and communicate our plans as soon as we are aware of the requirements.

Please remember to sign up and download the National Online safety app for Parents here: <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/the-de-ferrers-academy> where you can access the many wonderful resources, help sheets, advice guides and more to support your child's safety on the internet. If you have not yet completed the remote learning survey that was texted out, please let us have your feedback.

The academy will be closed over the half term break. I want to encourage all staff and families to take this time to recharge ready to take on the next term in whatever shape or form that takes. Please continue to report any positive COVID absences using covidpositivecase@deferrers.com.

In the words of Lori Deschene:

"Life is all about balance. You don't always need to be getting stuff done. Sometimes it is perfectly okay and absolutely necessary to shut down, kick back and do nothing".

Kind regards,

Mrs. K.D. Hardy
Principal

