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Dear Parents

Response to National Lockdown – Temporary Suspension of Period 7

As you will be aware, the Government announced last weekend that with effect from Thursday 5 November, England will once again be placed in 'lockdown'. Whilst schools currently remain open, this additional level of restriction has unfortunately impacted on our capacity to continue offering our timetabled programme of enrichment and I am now writing to inform you that we must temporarily suspend Period 7 and make an adjustment to our school day. This means that, with effect from **Wednesday 11 November**, the school day will finish at 3pm every day.

We have worked very hard since re-opening to maintain our extended school day and the access to enrichment activities and supervised study that this has enabled but despite our very best efforts the increased level of restriction imposed has made this impossible to maintain without compromising the safety of our students and staff. We hope to be able to reinstate Period 7 after Christmas but will be keeping the situation under constant review and will update you as soon as possible with regards any planned changes.

In the meantime, we have taken additional steps to ensure that students are supported in completing their independent study tasks at home. This includes the fact that all homework assignments set in school – including any relevant handouts or resources issued - will also be available via Microsoft Teams. Further information, including a user guide for parents and a copy of our independent study timetable will be shared separately.

A revised bus service, combining the 55 and W22 services has also been put in place with effect from Wednesday 11 November. This service will pick up from the usual bus stop on Cross Lane at 15:00. Details of the revised route can be accessed [here](#) and have also been provided on the attached.

I apologise for the short notice being given here and for any inconvenience caused. This is a time of unprecedented challenge and I am grateful to you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Pettit
Head of School