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Dear Parents and Carers

As we are at the end of the third week of this half term and the third week of our remote learning offer I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you all to express my thanks for the many messages of thanks and support that we have received over the last few weeks.

We have worked at a pace to set up a virtual school that offers the best academic and pastoral support for our students. Whilst a remote offer can never replace being in classroom, I am incredibly proud of the quality of our online school.

I know that as we find ourselves in another lockdown, we are asking families to juggle home schooling alongside working from home and family life and I am grateful for the support that you give us as an Academy by ensuring that your child is accessing their lessons every day. Staff take a register in each lesson and the pastoral team will continue to contact students who are not engaging. Please be aware that if you or your children need support with their learning in any way, we will do all we can as a school to support you.

I sent a survey to you all last week asking for some feedback on how our remote offer was being received. Responses were overwhelmingly positive and we have contacted any family that needed access to ICT or other resources. We also asked what we could do to improve on our offer and I would like to take this opportunity to feedback on two main areas.

Creativity, Activity and Society Online (CAS).

We know that extracurricular activities have a wide range of benefits, therefore we have developed our existing enrichment CAS programme into an online one. We hope this will complement our online lesson provision and give students opportunities to have fun and relax away from school work and provide some challenges and competitions. Each week 3 CAS activities will be uploaded to a dedicated TEAMS area by your child's teachers, where they will demonstrate and show students how to do the challenge or activity. We cannot wait to see your images and posts on how your child is getting on, so we will be setting up a dedicated CAS online email. Form teacher's will give your child all the information they need every Monday morning.

Rewards

Bronze, silver and gold merits are still being handed out by teachers in the same way as they would in the classroom, so if we see things like good engagement with live lessons, excellent revision or production of outstanding work, students will be rewarded with a merit.

All of the merits will be counted, and through our Pride of Padgate assembly at the end of term, we will congratulate and celebrate student achievements with the rest of the year group.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Barclay, Principal

