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Dear All,

I hope this finds you and your families well as we embark on the last week of school before half term. Please go to this [link](#) for a short message from school today.

Whilst it seems increasingly likely that at least some children will be returning to primary schools after half term, the picture for secondary schools is still not clear. Our first priority is to do what is best for the students of Salesian but also, we obviously have to follow government guidance. This guidance continues to be updated on a daily basis but does not, as yet, tell us exactly what we are expected to do after half term. As I said in my last communication, we are assuming that we will be allowed to have at least Year 10 and 12 students back in at some point next half term albeit for limited face-to-face support. We hope to be able to give you further information about this before the end of the week.

Whatever happens after half term, we now know that many of our students, particularly those in Years 7, 8 & 9, will likely have to continue with home learning for the rest of this academic year. Given this, we have met with staff this morning to talk about how we intend to further adapt our provision after half term. This should give students more opportunity for interaction with their class teachers, enhance the learning experience for families and help us to identify those who are struggling and need additional support. Whilst this still won't be a worthy substitute for the in-school experience, we do hope that it goes some way further to achieving the aims set out here as well as preserving the relationships and ethos that are so important to us at Salesian. Mr Gower will be writing to you later this week with further information.

Can I remind everyone, that the school has remained open throughout the lockdown for the children of key workers, those with Educational Health Care Plans, those under the care of a social worker and any others who we believe may be vulnerable to falling behind. If you are struggling at home for whatever reason, please let us know so we can talk about the options for in-school provision.

Every family should receive another phone call from a member of staff this week. We know how much you have appreciated these and we have really enjoyed catching up with families. As always, please don't wait for a call if you're struggling, the sooner we know, the better and if you haven't received a call by Friday lunchtime, let us know so we can sort it out. I appreciate that some of you will want more detail about the return to school but I have asked staff not to speculate about this beyond what I have said above until we know more.

This will be the last round of regular calls for Year 13 students as we know you are starting to turn your thoughts to life beyond the college. Please know however, that this doesn't mean that we are no longer available to support you or your families. We are still here to help with any UCAS or other "next step" queries and to offer pastoral support where it is needed, please just shout if you need us. We will continue to be in touch regarding any updates on calculated grades and the publication of results this summer. We hope that you manage to go now and enjoy a decent, if somewhat different summer holiday and we very much look forward to welcoming you back at some point later this year for a proper send off.

Thank you for everything you are doing to stay strong, positive and committed despite the challenges and again, please let us know if you have "hit a wall". Thank you also for everything you are doing to keep the Salesian ethos alive and well, if you are looking for an opportunity to do something practical on this front, it's not too late to take on the [Salesian 7 Challenge](#) before the new House Challenge starts after half term.



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I will be in touch again before the end of the week but in the meantime, love, prayers and all the best from everyone here at Salesian.

God bless,

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