

1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Coronavirus Update 34

I wrote to you some time ago explaining that we had postponed one of our staff training days until Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. I expect that many of you will have marked it on your calendars as a day when the school would be closed. It was one of those decisions that seem sensible at the time. We had planned to devote 12<sup>th</sup> February to preparing staff for their role in whatever form of assessment was going to be used in place of the A-level and GCSE exams this summer.

But those arrangements, as parents of Years 11 and 13 will know, are far from being settled. There is no preparation that we can usually do on 12<sup>th</sup> February and I ask you to regard it as a normal school day. I am all but certain that the school will be called upon to play some part in assessing our GCSE and A-level candidates; when I know what that is we shall most probably need to nominate yet another date for our postponed training day.

On a lighter note we are seeking to inject a little fun into our weekly routine by introducing a new weekly House Competition:

### #WinnerWinnerNotASchoolDinner

House points will be awarded for the best entries and the winner and his or her family will be treated to a Friday evening takeaway delivered from a local pizzeria. We have an anonymous sponsor for this week's competition but we are looking for local businesses or individuals to sponsor the competition in future weeks.

This week's competition closes on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3 pm. Entries should show a family pet somehow intruding into your son or daughter's workspace. It could be humorous, heart-warming or whimsical in character. Pictures, together with your son or daughter's name, tutor group, house, and pet's name should be sent to [kindness@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:kindness@droitwichspahigh.worcs.sch.uk)



In the following weeks we shall announce the focus of the week's competition directly to the students. The winning prize, however, will be similar.

Whilst writing I am attaching the dates of terms and holidays planned for 2021 -2022. As I send them to you, I feel that I should do so with my fingers crossed.

I wish all of you a safe week.

Yours sincerely,



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