

**Borlase@home**

**17 July 2020**

Dear Parents and Students,

We have finally reached the end of this long term and I would like to congratulate every student, staff member and parent for your contribution to the school on this journey so far. Having had the opportunity to speak to more students in school this week, it is clear that most people have faced some challenges in this unusual period of learning and living. But I have been so impressed by the way everyone has focused on positives that they have taken from the experience. Students have talked to me about how they have learned to appreciate family more, and many have said that they have talked more to friends and got to know them better. Academically we are delighted with the achievements of all our students. One sixth former talked to me about how he now knew how to use private study more effectively when he comes back to school. Last night we celebrated the achievements of our academic prize winners - do visit our Borlase YouTube channel if you would like to see the awards - all these students were rightly congratulated. However, all our students should feel proud of the way they have continued their commitment to following a curriculum and working independently this term. They have even sustained their motivation to prepare for tests and sit them and we are very pleased with their results. The tests have spotted where we need to revisit some areas of the course in the new term and the examination boards are consulting with schools on how the course content may be modified to recognise the challenges of this year; we feel the students of Borlase are in a good place coming back to school. It is now time for them, us and you to take a break and step back for a few weeks.

As parents you will have many questions I am sure about next term. You will know from my last letter and from following the news, that we are all due to be back in school full time from September. We have spent this week looking at how this will look to create the most effective way to manage the school and keep students safe. Today, Friday 17 July, we have a final staff meeting and training session to discuss how plans will look and work in practice. I will then work with the SLT at the start of next week to finalise them and will write to you all next week to share these with you.

In the meantime, have a lovely relaxing weekend,  
Thank you and well done to everyone,

Kay Mountfield,  
Headteacher