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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, I would like to apologise to the parents who did not receive their weekly check-in phone call from us this week (the parents of Year 8, Sixth Form and two form groups in Year 11). I am afraid that this was due to staff not being able to come into school to make the calls owing to the snow disruption. Normal services will be resumed after half term.

I am sure that many of you, like us, are keen to have the students back in school and are wondering what the plan for March the 8th is. If you remember, March the 8th is the date that the Government said all schools in England would definitely be closed until. As yet, the Government has not yet made clear what will happen from 8th of March onwards. I think it is likely that there will be an announcement during half term. I want to reassure you that I will be looking out for this and that I will let you know what is happening as soon as I can. Upon the students' return you can be sure we will be doing everything we can to get the students all back on track with their learning.

In the meantime, after half term we have two more weeks of remote learning before March the 8th. On Monday the 22nd of February we will upload 'Block 4' onto the website. This will contain all the lessons for those two weeks. The previous blocks will remain available for any students who need to do some catching up.

Many students responded superbly to the challenge I issued them with at the weekend to get outside with their phones/cameras and capture a snowy image for the next official Sandwich Technology School Christmas card. I was delighted with the responses and it is going to be extremely difficult for the panel of judges to pick a winner. We will announce the top entries after half term.

Finally, I want to say thank you to you all for your support and efforts with keeping your children working hard. I know it isn't easy, but I have to say that every day I am given reason to be proud of our students, their hard work and their resilience. That said, if you are finding it difficult, please do get in touch and we will try our best to help. I hope you have a good half-term break.

Spring, and all it promises, will be here soon.

Yours faithfully

Tracey Savage
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