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To Our School Community,

It has been an extraordinary term. None of us have even lived through a time like this before, and we hope that we never will again. For those of you that are working at the frontline, all we can say is 'Thank You' right now. But we hope that we will be able to show our appreciation to you all in the not-too-distant future. Your work is invaluable, and we very much appreciate all that you are doing to keep us all safe, as well as providing us with essential services.

To our students – We want to thank you for doing your very best to keep up with your school work. We know that a lot has been asked of you. You have been asked to access all your lessons online. We have asked you to use e-books when you had left your books in your locker. We are also aware that for some of you, you were minding your brothers or sisters or another family member, you may have been sick yourself, you may have been working on your phone, there may have been a number of people trying to use one device, and that's before we even mention Wi-Fi. So, we want you to have a good break for these two weeks and try to spend some time reading, exercising in as much as you can and trying to enjoy some of the good weather that has been forecast. We also want to say, that we do not want you to feel overwhelmed by all of this. Therefore, if you need support or advice or just a listening ear, please contact us as you would during the regular academic year. Your tutors, year heads and chaplain are still here for you. Of course, we will be encouraging our exam classes to still continue preparing for the State Examinations, even though we don't know how or when they will happen. We just know that they will happen. The only words of consolation we can really offer is that every student in every school will be in the same position this year and know that this will be taken into consideration for your all. We miss you all and hope to see you very soon.

To our parents – We have also asked a lot of you. We know that you have balanced your own work with the work of your child / children. You have probably been asked to be employee / employer, teacher, Mum / Dad and possibly referee on a daily basis. We want to thank you for all that you have done to support and encourage our work during this challenging time. We hope that you too can take a step back from the stresses of the last few weeks for the next two weeks. We know that this will be very difficult as we know you will be concerned about your family's safety; welfare and you may be anxious about your own employment situation. In the same way as we are here for our students, we are here for you too. It's not very much, but it is something and we will be happy to support you in whatever way we can. Both of us are available to you, as is our Home School Community Liaison Officer.

To our staff – We want to thank you for continuing to teach our students and encourage them to engage with education during this difficult time. We thank you for preparing classes and facilitating schoolwork in a way that is not the 'norm' for us. We thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they prepare for State Examinations. Most importantly, we thank you for looking after the welfare of our students in helping them to manage during these challenging times. We know that you too are caring for your own families at this time.

To you all we wish a very Happy Easter. This year, that may mean something very different. It possibly means being separated from loved ones. It is possibly means doing without Easter Eggs. It possibly means not being able to spend time with our friends. However, let us be grateful for the love we have in our lives. For the fact that someone loves us so much, they are willing to be separated from us. This year, we need to be sure that we keep in touch will all the important people in our lives, albeit, by very different means than normal. Thank you to you all for doing your very best and please try to take a break.

Regards and Easter Blessings,