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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we reach half term, I write to you to update you on recent College news and events.

Some of the highlights so far this term have included participation in Democracy Week when our students shared their views of what the 'future of Jersey should look like' via discussion and debate. This was followed by a piece of artwork designed to reflect the thoughts of young people on the side of a Liberty Bus, led by Midnight Industries. The results were spectacular!

We were also delighted to be involved in the development of a new water feature in the grounds of Government House celebrating the 75th anniversary of Jersey's Liberation. This was built by Highlands' Construction and Engineering staff, using a design developed from local students' ideas.

We are extremely proud at how well students have settled into the new timetable structure this term which was put in place to stagger the number of students on site. We continue to build on our recent work in online learning and have produced student guidelines for working on 'TEAMs', reminding them that online classes are as important as on-site lessons!

Our first round of Progress Evenings for parents and guardians has just been completed. Tutors and administrative staff are collating your questions and thoughts, including any feedback on the timetable. We currently teach approximately 50% online/ 50% on site in most areas. We will be reviewing this provision after half term, taking into account your views, those of Student Voice, and the ever-evolving challenges of COVID-19.

Experience Days for Year 11 students that are considering applying to join us next year will take place during the week starting 9th November. This may result in classes being online that week to accommodate visits and keep students distanced.

I have enclosed a letter from Dr Ivan Muscat that was recently circulated to schools and colleges in relation to the Coronavirus. We urge everyone to remain vigilant and keep safe.

In closing, I would like to stress that we welcome interaction between home and College and urge you to get in contact if you have any concerns.

We look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming year.

Yours faithfully

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