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Dear Parent/Guardian,

EXTENSION OF HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Following the Department of Education announcement yesterday, I want to update you on the arrangements for the next two weeks. The Minister, Peter Weir has stated that schools should be closed from Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October (inclusive). The Minister has advised that *'this is an extension of the half-term break'* and that *'it is not intended to be used for remote learning'*.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

The Independent Counselling Service for Schools (ICSS) will be available, via telephone and video calling during school closures on the week beginning 19th October. It will not be available during the planned school closure dates during the week beginning 26th October.

GCSE & A LEVEL

GCSE and A Level pupils, will be given half-term work as normal, from their respective teachers, which should be submitted on their return to school on Monday 2 November.

In addition, today the Department have published the proposed changes to GCSE and A Level exams. I have posted the details on to the School Website.

I want to thank you all for your help and support during this first term, and I look forward to seeing all the pupils on Monday 2nd November.

Yours Sincerely

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