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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Easter message

Although we carefully planned for the full reopening of school, no-one could have predicted how successful it would have been, and almost two weeks on, I am delighted to report that our first two weeks back have gone extremely well. The students have returned to school with enthusiasm and positivity. What is apparent is that our students now fully appreciate the value of school; not just in providing them with an education but in also providing them with positive social interactions. It has been lovely to see them meeting their friends again and enjoying each other's company. There have been many smiles around the school and students and staff are delighted to be back and seeing life slowly return to normal. We know that some children felt anxious about returning and, where necessary, we are continuing to monitor and support those individuals. If you feel your child would benefit from additional help or support, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year.

Despite much of this term being spent at a distance from each other, what an amazingly successful and productive term we have had! Our Spring edition of Insight is now available to view. Please see the attachment. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. I hope you enjoy reading about all the events and activities that have taken place this term.

Whilst we are starting to see the lifting of some restrictions, Tuesday, National Day of Reflection, gave us an opportunity to pause for a minute to remember those that are no longer with us and to reflect on this past year. Our thoughts were with the people and their families who have lost their lives to the pandemic and the impact it has had on them. As we look ahead, hopeful for a brighter future, let's not forget the immeasurable service of those who have supported us. For many, these people have been a beam of light through the darkness. We have seen the work of God through the incredible actions and kindness from so many during this time. In a world experiencing sadness and pain, the Easter message calls us all to have faith and trust in the God who brings life out of death, hope from despair and the opportunity for new beginnings out of endings. Through faith, hope and love, I hope that we may be transformed by the power of the risen Christ to know the real joy of Easter.

If you have not yet seen our Passiontide Reflection Service, please take time to have a look. I hope you find it a time of quiet reflection, through music, readings and prayer. Thank you to all our students and staff who have contributed to it. You can access it via the following link <https://youtu.be/ZN-bpXPpWiY>.

As we get ourselves back into our routines, I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support. We definitely couldn't do it without you. I think I speak for everyone when I say we do not want a repeat of the last year, but I hope we can finally look forward, with a spring in our step and a cautious hint of optimism, for what the last few months of this academic year will bring. I wish you a very happy, blessed and holy Easter and look forward to welcoming all students back to school Monday 12th April.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

Headteacher

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'Yn gwasanaethu Duw trwy ddysgu gyda'n gilydd'

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