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A Chairde,

I would like to express my deep gratitude to everyone for the efforts made by the full school community since we opened in late August. I also want to share some updates with you regarding some changes to the school calendar between now and Christmas holidays.

1. In order to best prepare for the possibility of moving to online learning at some stage in the future again we are going to trial a remote learning day for some year groups when we return after mid term. What this will mean is students in one particular year group will remain at home for one day and engage with their teachers and classwork using Microsoft Teams. All other students will be in the school building and attending classes as normal. Teachers will live stream classes through Microsoft Teams and go through the functions available. This will provide an opportunity for year groups to get up to speed with their digital skills and also support them in the event of having to move to online learning. The year groups and dates we have identified are as follows:

Date	Year Group
Thursday 5 th November	First Years
Tuesday 10 th November	Fifth Years

Students will be expected to log in to their live class through Microsoft Teams at the time they would have that class in the school building. Their teacher will be online to provide online learning and teaching. Please allow a few minutes for the teacher to be set up as they will be coming from their previous class group.

2. Staff were due to be engaged in a continuous professional development day on Wednesday January 6th which would have meant students not having school on that day. This was communicated to you in our school calendar. With that event not being able to take place we are moving our professional development day to Monday 23rd November. Staff members will be involved in workshops across the full school day and therefore there will be no school for all students on that date.

Finally on behalf of all the staff here I would like to say a huge thank you to the students for adapting to the new measures in place so well. It is fantastic to have a buzz in the school building. It is fantastic to see smiling eyes and hear laughter in the corridors.

Have a lovely midterm break and see you all in on Monday 2nd November

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