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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an unusual start to this academic year, with many changes to the way the school is operating. These changes are obviously necessary for the health and safety of all the whole school community.

I am immensely proud of how Year 8 has adjusted to the new safety systems put in place and how they are adapting to the many changes that they have faced as well as rising to the challenges of learning after a prolonged period of absence.

The use of Google Classroom to support lessons has allowed our learners the opportunity to revisit some areas of learning, which will inevitably give them the best chance of achieving success and enable those who are unable to attend to keep pace with their classmates.

Please find attached the first Year 8 report, which will give you an insight into how your child is performing academically, and particular areas of strength. We will be launching the Year 8 GCSE Options process this half term. This report will help you make more informed choices with your child. We will be in contact with you again soon with further option information.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or myself, or If you have any concerns over your child's mental health, please see the safeguarding section of our school website which contains advice and links for you to use, or follow this link:

[www.tavistockcollege.org/parents/mental-health](http://www.tavistockcollege.org/parents/mental-health)

Yours sincerely

Mr Elton Lane  
Head of Year 8

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