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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been the strangest of Spring Terms with significant challenges for the nation, the school and for individuals. Students, staff and families have had to adapt to the changing Covid-19 situation and the lockdown shows us again, that this disease has impacted so many aspects of our lives and our way of living. The success of the vaccination programme and the roadmap easing us out of restrictions helps to provide hope that we will get through this and the unexpected spell of warm weather certainly helps to lift the spirits.

Students returning to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March reminded all of us that the school building needs people and it has been lovely to see students interacting with one another and with the staff, despite the restrictions. I hope your sons and daughters have settled back into working in school and have managed to keep pace with the demands of being in the classroom. If you do have any concerns, please contact your child's form tutor and we can offer additional support.

Whilst the students were working remotely our calendar of activities was disrupted, however we were able to deliver some of our extra-curricular activities virtually; students were able to celebrate National Book Day and participate in Careers & Enterprise Week. Some students also took part in STEM enrichment activities as part of National Science & Engineering Week.

A group of Year 8 students met with Kate Green MP to discuss their work on increasing diversity in the History Curriculum; Dr McPartland and I were incredibly proud of the way the students represented themselves and the school. They were thoughtful and articulate, full of passion and purpose; it was clear that they want the world to be a fairer for all and took their responsibility to instigate change seriously.

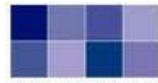
The school's debating success also continued with teams in the finals of two of the most prestigious school debating competitions in the country: Oxford University Union Debating and Cambridge University Union Debating. The successful finalists were from Year 12 (Anya, Madeleine, Harriet and Ange)



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and all gave spirited performances.

I do hope your sons and daughters have already shared their own highlights of the term with you, but please see our news page for more information: <http://www.urmstongrammar.org.uk/category/news/>

As our Year 11s and Year 13s are now in preparation for their final assessments, I hope they will use their holiday time wisely. Students should make time to relax and recover, but this is their chance to make a concerted effort so that they can tackle the upcoming assessments with confidence.

School closes at the normal times on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and opens at 8:30 am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021.  
(Year 11 and some Year 13 will be in school for the Monday INSET)

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

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