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Dear parents and carers of Year 11 and Year 13,

The detail following the Government's exam announcement is starting to take shape. There are still a great number of questions, and I am sure this will evolve over the coming weeks. The exam regulator, Ofqual, has provided more details in relation to how grades will be awarded. To ensure that you all receive consistent and accurate information, I am directing you to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

This page will be updated as more information becomes available. In the meantime, we would recommend that students in Year 11 and Year 13 keep all work, exercise books, assessments and mock exams. We have also suggested that students should remain on 'stand-by' to come in to school if the need arises. We will, of course, draw upon all available evidence and knowledge of your child to arrive at a fair and appropriate grading. It is still unclear how the school will record or report this information.

We have not been informed of any timescales for this process yet; once we have a timescale I will communicate again.

During this period of uncertainty, there are a couple of things both Year 11 and Year 13 students can be doing. Year 13 students should firstly ensure that all assessed work and all completed work that could be used to evidence a grade is well organised in subject folders, Personal Learning Checklists are complete and linked to folder content, and that Yellow Sheets and Mock Exams from teachers can be easily found for evidence purposes.

For Year 11 Students, transition work will be made available for those who are holding or soon to be receiving a Sixth Form offer. This work will be published on the website in the next couple of weeks with clear instructions about what to do. A folder should be created that contains all of this transition work to use when we return to school.



Finally, I hope that your child is well and beginning to piece together the emotional time they are facing. The very worst of situations brings out the very best in people; this is certainly true of all associated with Year 11 and Year 13. I was fortunate enough to attend both Leavers' assemblies last Friday and I could not be more proud of how the students and staff conducted themselves. The thing that stood out most of all was the mutual respect between staff and students.

I hope that you are all managing to stay safe and healthy in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Neale Pledger
Headteacher

