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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Parental Update

I am sure you are now aware of the government's decision to cancel the summer GCSE exams. At the moment Ofqual are working with the exam boards to develop a process for awarding GCSE grades to this year's Year 11. As soon as I have any more information on this I will, of course, let you know.

In the meantime, I would like to assure you that, whatever the process, we will work hard to ensure our students are all fairly represented and are awarded grades that they deserve. It is as important now, as ever, that your child works hard and engages fully with their work both online and when they return to school.

Reports

You will shortly receive your child's full report. These were obviously written before the announcement and will contain key information regarding your child's progress and efforts in each subject. They also contain results of the November mock results. Please be assured that these will only form a part of any school-based assessment of your child.

Exams Next Week

Despite the government announcing that summer exams will be cancelled, they have informed us that next week's PE and IT exams are still to go ahead. Mr Ross will write to those students involved explaining how the exams will be carried out.

February Mocks

Obviously most Year 11 students will not be in school when these are scheduled to take place. Though we are awaiting the government guidance on how grades will be awarded, it is very likely that some form of mock assessment will be required to feed into this. At the moment we are pencilling in a full set of mocks at some point between February and Easter.

Centre Assessed Grades

Last year schools had to produce Centre Assessed Grades for students as part of the GCSE awarding process and we may well need to do the same this year. I want to reassure you that these are done holistically. No single factor is relied upon, but rather a combination of different mock results, classwork, homework along with any other relevant factors. I mention this to try to ease any anxiety students might have about past mock results or the coming mocks.

If you or your child have any concerns then please contact one of the pastoral team. I will write again when I have more detailed information.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher