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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to keep you updated with our plans for the rest of the year for Year 11 and to let students know the support that is available for them.

As you will have seen in the news, the government has announced the summer exams will not be taking place and they will be replaced by a process that centres on teacher assessment. Those of you due to take vocational exams this term will also have received a letter with information on our decision not to go ahead with the vocational exams and you will know that we took this decision after consultation and confirmation from the exam boards that students will not be disadvantaged by this. Exam boards have now confirmed that there will be no further vocational exams this academic year.

We understand that this can be a very confusing and stressful time for all students in Year 11. We will be there to support your daughter as they make their journey on to further education, employment or training and we will be discussing next steps with all year 11 students shortly through Progression Interviews. In terms of calculating final grades, the final process has yet to be confirmed but everything you have done and everything you do going forward will be used to inform decisions.

With this in mind it is still essential that all students are logging on to the remote learning platform Google Classroom and completing their work. There is still 6 months left for students to make significant progress that will go towards their final grade. Teachers will be using the learning and work students do in the next 6 months to help them in the process of determining the final grades. Furthermore, students need to keep developing their subject knowledge as any gaps in learning as a result of not completing work now, will have a big impact on their learning at the next step.

Please find below a message to students from the Year 11 team:

We all know how hard you have been working towards the mock exams and how disappointed many of you would have been to lose the chance to showcase your hard work.

Behind the scenes lots of work is going on from lots of staff members to help you keep moving forward but we need you to do your part too. Remember you should be accessing Google Classroom regularly and trying where possible to follow your school timetable. Keep a lookout on the year 11 Google Classroom for information on a number of opportunities over the coming weeks.

Please remember we are here to help you through this difficult period and that you are not alone and if you are struggling please talk to someone be that someone at home, a friend or one of us. Keep up the good work and remember that it will not be in vain and the work you put in now will help you next year.

As soon as we have any information about the details of the process to calculate the grades for the summer exams we will share this with you.

Please contact us if you have any questions, thank you all for your continued support.



Yours sincerely

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