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Dear Parent/Carer,

Information for Year 11 and 13 parents regarding exams

As you will be aware, due to the current coronavirus pandemic, the Government made the decision to cancel the GCSE and A level examinations. I held assemblies on Thursday 19th March with both Year 11 and 13 students to discuss the matter and reassure them, but I wanted to wait until the situation was slightly clearer before I wrote to you all.

Exam grades

The Government has issued further details regarding the cancellation of the exams and the implications for students. The key implications are as follows:

- The exams regulator (Ofqual) are still devising the exact details of how they will decide the grades for students but they will take into account our assessment of the students' performance along with their prior attainment and how well the school is performing.
- If a student is unhappy with their exam grades, they will be given the opportunity to take the exam as soon as reasonably possible after schools are open again. In addition, students will also be allowed to sit the summer 2021 exams if they wish

I will share the details with you once they are made public – this is expected to take place later this week.

In the interim please see the link below for further details:

<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>

Plans

As we do not know exactly what evidence Ofqual will request we would like students to continue the current work we are setting. Once Ofqual announce the system for awarding exam grades (which is expected later this week), we will move the Year 11 and 13 students' focus onto their plans for next year. We will be contacting you shortly with recommended online resources that students can begin looking to in preparation for their A levels and university. The students can use the time wisely to prepare for the next step of their education. Staff will



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continue to set work for all Year 11 and 13 students this week but this will stop for all subjects on Friday 3rd April (which would have been the start of the Easter holiday). After Easter the students can switch to preparing for their plans for the next academic year.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above please contact

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I hope that you and your family are adapting to the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in. I will be in touch again shortly once Ofqual announce the system for awarding students' grades.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M McKelvie
Principal**

