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Dear Students and Families,

We understand what a challenging time it is at present for students and how uncertain things can feel, but rest assured that we are working hard to support you during these difficult times.

Your cohort in particular has experienced disruption in Year 10 and in Year 11, with many of you having to self-isolate earlier in the term and the upheaval this has all caused. This letter outlines briefly the decision about exams that has been made this week by the government that directly affect Year 11 students.

### **Exams announcement**

As you will be aware, the government has announced that they 'do not think it possible or fair for all exams this summer to go ahead as planned'. However, we await any further details as to what this means for us all.

Yesterday, Ofqual (the exams regulator) announced:

"We know that this is a difficult time for students, their parents and carers, teachers and trainers. Our message to students is this: please continue to engage as fully as you can in your education. That will be online for the majority of students, or face-to-face for those students still going in to their school, college or training provider. This will put you in the best position, whatever arrangements are made for your qualifications."

Once we know more about what is expected of us and our students we will communicate it clearly to you all, but until then we have to focus on moving forward with the work this term.



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## **Our plan moving forward**

Departments and your teaching staff are continuing to teach and cover the content very much as they would if you were in lessons. This will carry on as normal.

**We have taken the decision to postpone mock exams that were due to take place next week. Our aim is to run these once school reopens after half term.** It is important that we still aim to run mock exams as it provides quality assessment data for teaching staff as well as valuable examination experience for students. We will communicate with you as soon as we have a clear idea of when this reopening will be.

Mock exams are also one of the pieces of data that we can use as a school if we are asked to generate grades this summer. These grades – if the government chooses this option – are known as Centre Assessed Grades. If this is the option the government decides upon, we will write to you with full details of the system we will use. However, as with last year's examination groups, the school is not allowed to engage in any communication with parents and students about CAGs – so please do not contact any staff in school about them.

Finally, make sure you are completing and submitting work that your teachers are setting for you. Everything you do will not only help your education but also help your teachers to be able to assess you as accurately as they can.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully



**Mr P Haigh  
Headteacher**