

Principal: Emma Robins



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Dear Y11 student,

Today we are saying goodbye to you in very unusual circumstances. Nobody could have predicted this situation or the impact it would have. You and all the other Y11 students in the country are in a unique position for which there is no precedent.

At the minute, we are clear on a few points. You will not sit any GCSE exams this summer. However, you will be awarded grades which will be based on your teachers' predictions. Any exams or coursework already completed will contribute to this. There is likely to be the chance to take some exams in the future but the exact details are not available at the minute. Colleges and employers will definitely work with you to ensure you can continue next year as you had planned.

You will have many feelings at the minute – disappointment, confusion, anger, frustration possibly relief. However you are feeling, please know that we will continue to support you in any way that we can. We will ensure you get your hoodies and that you get the chance to have a prom. You will also be invited to our presentation evening in November when we will celebrate your achievements at school. You will have the same opportunities to celebrate as any other Y11!

Please keep looking at the school website for updates. There is plenty of work there too – we know that lots of you will complete some work in preparation for the next stages of your education. It may not seem like a good idea today but that may change over the coming weeks!

We wish you all the very best for the future. We are proud of all that you have achieved so far and look forward to hearing about your future success. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the school. There have been great times which we will all remember! Keep in touch!

Take care, look after yourselves and be safe!

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