

5 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

In light of the announcement last night from the Prime Minister Y11 students will not return to school next week as previously expected. Only vulnerable students and children of critical workers will attend school. We have been in touch with you already if you are in these categories. There is also a strong possibility that some of the Y11 exams will not go ahead this summer, I therefore wanted to keep you posted with what we currently know about the exams and what Y11 students need to continue to do in preparation for what lies ahead. As soon as there is any new information we will let you know. As you will appreciate, it is a rapidly changing situation.

Should we be told by each exam board that the summer 2021 exams will not go ahead then it is likely that we will be asked to submit Central Assessed Grades (CAGs) as we did last year. That process involves every Y11 teacher submitting a grade they believed each student would achieve in their subject based on; mock exam data, class work, homework and continuous mini-assessments. We have this information for each student up to December 2020. However, in order to ensure we continue to assess your child's progress we need them to engage with all of the live lessons and all work currently being set on Google Classroom. If your child has any problems logging on or accessing their work please contact us at school. The lessons are an ideal opportunity for your child to continue their learning and to ask any questions about their work. Their applications to colleges will be dependent on their grades and their continued progress. We all need to work together to maintain their motivation and effort. We appreciate the challenges that this may present but we will all work together to support our students.

We do know that the exams next week will go ahead; Monday 11th January I-Media and Wednesday 13 January Enterprise and Marketing. The teachers of these subjects have already been in touch with your child, last week and this week about these exams and where your child can access revision materials. If there are any questions about these exams please contact the subject teacher directly.

In an effort to continue to support your child we are using Google Classroom, Hegarty Maths and Sam learning as platforms to consolidate learning. Students can access further subject support via GCSEpod, The Oak Academy and GCSE bitesize. We will also schedule regular assessments to monitor progress. It is important that they continue to access learning. They need to cover key content in all subjects, in preparation for their next steps.

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We will keep in close contact in the coming weeks. Should you have questions or queries at any point please do not hesitate to contact the relevant subject teacher, form tutor, Mr Smythe, Director of Progress for Year 11 or myself.

Yours faithfully

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