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To all Year 11 Parents

Dear Parents

Thank you for your continued support for your children as we continue to deliver remote learning online. I am delighted to inform you that the majority of our Year 11 students have engaged fantastically well during the first weeks of live lessons. I am encouraged to see that our dedicated students are giving themselves the very best opportunity of success with any centre-assessed grades that may be required towards the end of their GCSE studies.

The Department for Education, along with the exams regulator Ofqual, are currently holding a consultation as to how examination grades for the 2020-2021 academic year will be generated; however please be assured that, once we have been given clarity with regards to the process, we will write to inform you and all of our Year 11 students of the next steps.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to continue with the excellent start they have made to home learning by continuing to:

- Attend all live lessons according to their timetable.
- Upload evidence of work when requested.
- Reflect on feedback given and make changes if necessary.
- Keep to deadlines (especially in coursework subjects).
- Communicate with and use the knowledge and support of their form tutors.

Maintaining these high standards will ensure that we have a substantial body of evidence of the work our students are capable of to support any grades we may be required to provide to the exam boards. Ultimately, to ensure that all our students are ready to move onto their chosen post-16 placements, supported by some excellent GCSE results and an appropriate subject knowledge base at the end of the summer term.

Yours sincerely

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