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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to keep you updated with our plans for the rest of the year for Year 12 & 13 and to let students know the support that is available for them.

As you will have seen in the news, the government has announced the summer exams will not be taking place and they will be replaced by a process that centres on teacher assessment. Those of you due to take vocational exams this term will also have received a letter with information on our decision not to go ahead with the vocational exams and you will know that we took this decision (after consultation with you) and confirmation from the exam boards that students will not be disadvantaged by this. Exam boards have now confirmed that there will be no further vocational exams this academic year.

We understand that this may be a very confusing and stressful time for all students in Year 12&13. We will be there to support your daughter/son as they make their transition on to the next step. In terms of the calculation of grades for Year 13 the final process has yet to be confirmed but everything you have done and everything you do going forward will be used to inform decisions.

With this in mind it is still essential that all students are logging on to the remote learning platform Google Classroom and completing their work. There is still 6 months left for students to make significant progress that will go towards their final grade. Teachers will be using the learning and work students do in the next 6 months to help them in the process of determining the final grades. Furthermore, students wanting to go on to further study need to keep developing their subject knowledge as any gaps in learning as a result of not completing work now, will have a big impact on their learning at the next step.

Please find below a message to students from the Post 16 team:

*We would like to start off by saying how well you have all handled the news of the lockdown and cancellation of exams. We know for many of you this is not the ideal situation to be in, but your resilience and determination to succeed is definitely shining through!*

*Please remember that 'out of sight' is never 'out of mind' for us all. We remain fully invested in your success also and will be working with you to ensure that you reach your desired destination.*

*As such, continue to engage with Google Classroom to access all of your lessons. You are still expected to follow your published timetable and we are still monitoring attendance.*



*We will be in regular contact with you on an individual basis. Please use this opportunity to inform us of any concerns or questions you may have.*

*In the meantime, stay healthy and safe!*

As soon as we have any information about the details of the process to calculate the grades for the summer exams we will share this with you.

Please contact us if you have any questions, thank you all for your continued support

Yours sincerely

*Archer on behalf of :-*

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