

Dear Year 11 Student (and Parents)

I hope that you and your family are safe and well and that you are coping with the lockdown. Following on from my last letter to you and from the information in the website blogs, I write to update you on a couple of things you may be worrying about.

We sent out the information about how your exam grades will be calculated just before the Easter break and this information is still on the website. I also provided further information in the blog that went on the website on 20th April. Just in case you didn't see it, it's repeated below:

Grades will be based on progress and attainment up until the closure of the schools. Please be assured that work has started on the provision of suggested grades to the various exam boards and that we will make absolutely sure that the information we use to create these grades is robust and fair. However, the exam boards will moderate our suggested grades and the final grade awarded may be different from any previously reported projected grade.

In that blog, I also confirmed that Key Stage 4 Results Day will be 20th August, as originally planned before the Coronavirus crisis. **It is very important that we have your current email address** so that we are able to communicate with you over the Summer about how you will receive your results. Social distancing measures *may* make it impossible to hold a "normal" results day and it is possible that we may have to send your results to you via email. With that in mind we will, later this term, be asking you to complete a Microsoft Office form so that we can ensure that we have the most up to date email address for you. We would, of course, much prefer to see you all in person and will do our best to make that happen, but we need to have arrangements in place in case this is not possible.

We also need your most current email so we can consult with you about the potential for a Leavers' Dinner/prom. As I said in my previous letter, we must be realistic and I am unable to make any promises about *when* a prom will be allowed to happen. All the information available suggests that social distancing measures will be in force long after schools have reopened and these rules are extremely unlikely to be relaxed in time for a July prom. I understand that some schools have set dates for the Autumn term, but the fact of the matter is that we don't yet know whether it will actually be possible to hold an event of this nature even then. In the meantime, I have to be honest with you because I do not want parents to go to any further expense for an event that, in the end, *might* not be allowed. I also don't want to raise your hopes only to have to dash them again. In being honest with you, the school is treating you as the sensible young adults that you have become and I would ask that you trust us one last time to do the right thing. What I can promise is that we will make it happen if and when it is safe and legal to do so.

Finally, I hope that many of you are engaging with some form of study so that you keep your brains in good shape for college. I know that some of the colleges have provided some "bridging work" for the students they expect in September and I strongly advise you to make this your first priority. These are difficult times but they will end and you will then be able to step into the bright futures you fully deserve.

With very best wishes



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