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Dear Parent/Guardian and Students

Year 11 and Year 13 students

I hope you are all well and coping with the challenges of lockdown and remote learning.

I wanted to write to you all following the announcement that GCSE and A-Level exams would not go ahead as planned this summer. The Secretary of State for Education stated that qualifications would be awarded through a system of teacher assessed grades. At present, this is all the detail that we have. Ofqual will now draw up more detailed information, but this is likely to take a number of weeks.

We are now faced with a period of uncertainty, however, the message to students should be to continue to work hard with the home learning and complete all tasks and assignments set. Engagement in lessons is vital at this stage and we will build in systems to monitor and assess progress through the remote learning programme.

To provide some reassurance and direction we have arranged live Q&A sessions for **Wednesday 13 January**. You may access the live sessions by clicking on the links which can be found within the Coronavirus section of our website.

Year 11: 5.00 pm

Year 13: 6.00 pm

Mr Finch, Deputy Headteacher, will launch the sessions with a short introduction. He will be supported by Mr Nash, Assistant Headteacher, and Mr Hyde, Leader of Sixth Form, who will also provide advice and guidance related to welfare and next steps. This is an important session to attend. However, we will record the event in case you are unable to attend the live session.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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