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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 13 Intended Plans

I am writing to update you with some of our intended plans to support Year 13 students through this important academic year. We have been impressed with the focused and mature start to the term that students have made. They have settled quickly into a learning routine which has been a welcome sight. As much as we appreciate the significant home learning efforts of Year 13 students during lockdown, we remain conscious of the importance of supporting students with misconceptions or gaps in their knowledge. We are aware that there may be a need to revisit, clarify and consolidate content covered during lockdown with a view to support students as they work towards their final A Level examinations. Therefore, a programme of intervention has been designed to offer students access to a variety of additional support. I have communicated the overview of this plan to Year 13 students to try and reassure them and provide a transparency about the path ahead. Although there remains some uncertainty, we will continue to keep you and your children in the picture as central developments are confirmed.

What We Know

Ofqual have confirmed some, but limited, changes to A Levels this year. These include, removing the exam unit for both Art and Photography, and the removal of the requirement to undertake a field trip in A Level Geography. If you would like any further clarification of any of these please feel free to contact me directly. If there are any more changes, we will of course let you know straight away.

What We Do Not Know

Following a recent announcement, it appears that exams will take place but will be delayed by 3 weeks. There is also no confirmation of the requirement for Centre Assessed Grades (as we witnessed last year). However, we are aware that this might be a feature of A Level assessment this year which heightens the importance of future internal unit/mock tests for students in our Year 13 cohort.

Next Steps

Our intention is to support, encourage and prepare our Year 13 students as effectively as possible. Mrs Cook has planned and initiated a first phase of support for students that complements work done in lesson time. The details of this are to follow. We have been encouraged by the increasing number of students attending these additional opportunities (especially within Maths and Science where numbers after school have been excellent).

Please feel free to contact the school with any enquiries that you have. We do recognise that the path towards examination is often equally as stressful for parents as it is for our students.

Yours sincerely

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