



19 March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

Y11 Students

I am writing further to my other letter today with some extra information for parents and carers of Y11 students. Y11s in school today have been great and we look forward to seeing them again tomorrow, and send our best wishes to those who can't be there because of self-isolation or sickness. We know families and students alike have lots of questions and uncertainty at the moment. This short letter has some important points to consider;

How will grades be decided?

We do not know at this time. The government have said they will work with the schools and Ofqual "to ensure that children get the qualifications that they need".

How will 6th form or College applications be affected?

Again we have no details at this time, other than to rely on the assurance given yesterday above, which implies students will be equitably treated and ensured progression. Without exams it may be grades are decided on teacher assessment or predictions, but we have no guidance on this yet

Has my daughter or son missed their last day at school?

No. We are determined they will get their leavers' assembly, shirt signing and prom. We will rearrange these for a time when we can all attend.

Will there be any work my daughter or son can continue with in the next weeks and months?

Yes. We know it'll be important for students continuing into further education to keep their habits of study going, and where possible do some important preparation work. We will send details to all parents tomorrow about online working- this will include provision for Y11.

What should we do with exercise books and folders?

Please make sure your daughter or son keeps all their exercise books and folders. This is important as we do not yet know what evidence exam boards or Ofqual may need in deciding GCSE grades.

As and when we have more information we will let you know. Please find attached a letter we gave to all Y11s in school today. If you daughter or son was not with us today, we will be posting a copy home.

Finally, thank all of you for the thanks, kind messages, and offers of support the College has received today.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', with a period at the end.

Alan Salt
Principal