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Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 11 student

I am writing to keep you informed as to what the current position is in terms of the remainder of Year 11 and GCSE grading for your child.

I am sure that since the cancellation of exams was announced last Monday and then the subsequent announcement from the education secretary on Wednesday about grading, you and your child may have a number of questions about what is likely to happen next. We did an assembly for all students last Thursday to offer them reassurance and I would like to share the same information with you.

-At this moment in time we have no further information from the government other than there is a consultation process about to be opened. Once we have that guidance we will implement all the necessary steps.

-We are continuing preparing for the PPE exams that are scheduled for after half term and Year 11 students need to be preparing thoroughly for these as they will form an important part of any centre assessment that we need to submit in the summer.

-Along with that PPE information we will use in-class assessment information, homework assignment information and other data gathered over the GCSE course. We will not base any centre assessment on one piece of evidence.

-It is important that students focus on what is within their control and what they need for their next steps, they need to have the knowledge and skills to confidently move on to their next stage of education. They can be in control of this by attending all of their remote lessons, by attending their tutor sessions so that they receive all important updates, find out about opportunities that are available for them, receive support and guidance should they need it and by continuing with their out of school learning including revision.

-Students will continue to be supported throughout lockdown and when they return to school with their application to sixth form or other post 16 destinations.

-Can I remind you that as well as the support that students will receive from subject teachers and their form teachers, there is also a wealth of resources that can be accessed via the school website that can help support students health and wellbeing.

Tomorrow evening is parents evening for Year 11 and I know that you have been making appointments to speak to your child's teachers through this forum.



I know that these are uncertain and anxious times for everyone but I would like to once again reassure you that we will continue to support your child to ensure that they fulfil their potential throughout Year 11.

Please do not hesitate to contact school should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A O'Callaghan
Headteacher

