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Dear Parent/Carers

**Re: Important update on examination requirements - all year groups**

As you may be aware, it was announced last week that GCSE and A-Level examinations would not be going ahead this summer. The government announced that teachers' estimated grades will be used to replace cancelled GCSEs in England this summer.

There is an ongoing consultation about what to do next. **It seems likely that some form of externally set tests for Year 11 will take place, marked by teachers within the school.** These tests will be used to back up the teacher's final judgement of student progress. Hence, the teacher's opinion of how well your child is doing will be very important.

The government has indicated that Year 11 students will be returning to school this term and they will be in school for longer, possibly until the end of term in July, so that they can catch up on their learning.

I would urge you to make sure that your child engages with online learning now as what they learn during lockdown is likely to affect their final grade.

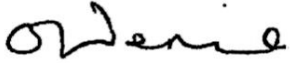
For students not currently in Year 11, it is highly likely that exams will go ahead next year and any learning done remotely during COVID will be useful for your child - do not allow them to slack off.

Currently, over 90% of children are engaging with learning activities online across our Trust every day.

We will update you with further developments on GCSE and A levels as soon as we have more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Omar Deria  
Head of School