

23rd March

Dear Students / Parents and Carers,

The Government's announcement on Friday afternoon has confirmed that exams will not take place this summer but that grades will take account of previous scores and quite possibly coursework. Should there be issues with the final grades students may have the option to take exams in September or next year should they choose to do so. Exact details have yet to be confirmed but as a school we have agreed upon the following actions.

1. Ensure that all folders and work are neat, organised, ordered correctly and safely stored just in case they are needed at any point. Any work left in school cannot be collected due to the more stringent measures put in place by the Government and will be held in storage.
2. Subjects with exam coursework (GCSEs & BTECs) – teachers will keep setting this until the work is completed as it may well be required/useful to send to the exam boards to help create students' grades. This applies only to electronic work that can be emailed/sent to staff. Any coursework that requires a physical handmade product, i.e. Art/ Product Design/Textiles is placed on hold and requires no action.
3. In light of the 'No Exams' confirmation by the Government, **as of today, staff will not be setting further work for Year 11** as this would be impractical and unsustainable to do so.

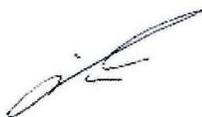
However, it is recommended for students moving onto either 6th Form, College or an apprenticeship, that they prepare by conducting independent research of their chosen subjects. For those students who wish to challenge themselves there are a number of websites that offer 6th Form / pre university self-taught courses. Good online sites for this are FutureLearn and MOOC which are free to use and just require you to register. These are really good and can last a number of weeks. It is recommended to keep brains active in these unusual times so that when you do start your new courses/studies you are ready for this as it will be a step up to adjust to. These sites do offer end of course certificates which do require payment but these are not necessary, just avoid clicking on any buttons that lead to these certificates/payments and follow the free online resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries. Despite the circumstances may we take this opportunity to say 'Well done' and encourage you to prepare for the next stage of your career.

Regards



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