



30th March 2020

Dear Year 11 Parent/Carer,

I've had a few messages from some Year 11 parents and students over the past few days and would like to update you as I know you will be awaiting news and reassurance in a number of important areas.

Exams and Results

In case you haven't been able to keep up to date with the news, the exams have officially been cancelled this summer. Ofqual announced on Friday that they will clarify by Easter the process they will follow to ensure grades are fair across schools and colleges as well as a process for appeals. They have also said that there will be a process for students to take exams in the new academic year if they aren't happy with the results they receive.

We know that:

- We will be asked to look at coursework, mock exams and other evidence from the GCSE journey to make these decisions
- The exact process will be agreed with exam regulators and exam boards
- The aim is to see that students' "hard work and dedication is rewarded and fairly recognised"

We have been told there will be further announcements this week and we will keep you up to date. For now, teachers will be continuing to set work in coursework subjects. This may change, dependent on government advice this coming week.

Prom

As things stand, the scheduled date for the Year 11 prom will almost certainly have to be postponed. Whilst July still seems a long way off, the current state of affairs appears to be here to stay for the time being. Some people have asked whether we will do something to mark the end of Year 11 and we will certainly be seeing what we can do regarding an event. Mr Thomas and the Head of House will be in touch with further details.

We will also, when we can, run the Certificate Evening which we also know is a rite of passage for our Nova students.

Yearbook and Hoodies

Mr Thomas and the Heads of House are also currently looking at how we can ensure students can still have hoodies and a Year Book. We realise that these are the main mementos we can (as things stand) guarantee by the normal date. They will be in touch soon to find out whether students would like a Hoodie and to enlist further support in the creation of the Year Book.

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Please do keep in touch with further questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Wells', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Wells
Headteacher