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Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Year 12 Parents, Carers and Students

Following what has been one of the most extraordinary and turbulent starts to any New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support and contributions, enabling us to deliver our Remote Learning Programme to all Year Groups, with minimum disruption to planned learning.

Our Sixth Form students have continued to do us proud with the way in which they have continued to engage in the remote learning 'live' lessons and we are grateful that, for our students and teachers, the transition to the full time virtual classroom has been supported by our blended approach last term.

Many of you will have heard the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education that this summer's cancelled GCSE and A Level examinations will be determined by 'teacher assessed grades'. Whilst this will not impact on many students in Year 12, we are aware that some vocational and AS Level qualifications were set to have examinations this summer. Over the coming weeks, as we receive further guidance from the government on the alternative arrangements on the grading of cancelled examinations and qualifications, we will continue to update the relevant students accordingly.

During this period of remote learning, we are confident that students who engage fully in all remote lessons and work hard will be able continue to make good progress with their learning. We highly recommend that students continue to use their lesson and independent study time as effectively as possible. Attending registration every morning remains vital in ensuring that students receive the pastoral support they require, and Tutors can keep an eye on student wellbeing.

We appreciate that many of you will face challenges during the national lockdown, and we encourage you to keep in contact with the College in order to support you fully.

We will be giving an additional parental briefing on Thursday, 14 January to launch the Remote Learning Parental and Student Survey and to provide any relevant updates at government level.

In the meantime, a few updates and reminders:

- We hope that you have found time to listen to the student briefing from Wednesday which can be found on our website. I cannot stress enough how important daily exercise will be throughout this time and encourage students to take a good look at our virtual enrichment offer to support their weekly activities.
- For students who travel to College on a school bus, parents/carers will have received a letter from us regarding the updated arrangements regarding payments. Please ensure that you have read this carefully.

Thank you once again for your on-going support. Do not hesitate to contact the College using the Year Group support email address for remote learning, or via Tutors or members of the Sixth Form Team where appropriate.

Yours faithfully

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