

17th August 2020

Dear Year 11

We hope that you and your family are well through what has no doubt been a challenging time for you all.

We wanted to write to you to reassure you about the support you will have moving forward and to explain some of the help we already have in place for you this week as you prepare to collect your GCSE, BTEC and Cambridge National results.

We have already started conversations with colleges and sixth forms that we know many of you have applied to attend and these providers are keen that should your grades not be what we were expecting, they will listen to your teachers at school and use our view of your progress to ensure that you are on an appropriate course for your next steps.

Additionally, school staff will be on hand throughout Thursday and in the following days to discuss with you employment routes, apprenticeships, college courses and applications. We will work with you to ensure that you get the opportunities you deserve and have worked hard to achieve. Our help and care for you will continue throughout the summer break and on into the autumn term to ensure that you feel supported throughout these potentially difficult days and weeks.

You did not ask for - and I am sure did not want - your Year 11 studies to finish the way they had to finish. At school we have been significantly saddened that we have not been able to work with you through your usual examination season, share with you moments like your leaving day and prom and we have missed being able to be with you throughout your final summer at high school.

We, like many teachers and school staff across the country, are frustrated and disappointed at the way that your grading appears to have been handled by the government and Ofqual, and although we do not know yet if there will be results which we feel are unfair and unjust, we do recognise that the speculation will be causing upset and anxiety to many.

This letter is to let you know that we will be waiting, ready and able to support, help and if needs be argue your case, so that wherever possible, you are not adversely affected by such complex and challenging circumstances that have been completely out of your control.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday and working together to secure your next steps.

Best wishes,



Simon Flowers
Executive Principal



Lucie Lakin
Principal