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Dear Parents and Carers

We have written to all parents separately regarding a COVID-19 update; however, we would like to provide you with additional information as your child is studying for GCSEs and we know this is an added cause for concern for you and students.

We have been advised by the DfE and Ofqual (the exams regulator) to continue to prepare students as usual until further notice, which we are doing. You will not doubt be aware that the British Government is considering enforced closure of all schools at some point, so we have already prepared contingency plans.

If our school does close, all students will be provided with work to undertake from home. Year 10 and Year 11 students will be set work by their class teacher according to their current timetable to ensure no lessons are missed. We intend to use e-mail and online resources to support this: we are currently auditing students in case this causes issues for a few. If your child does not have access to ICT/Internet we will contact you separately, alternatively feel free to contact the school to let us know.

In addition, subjects have either already issued or are about to issue hard-copy revision material. Teachers will be available every day, during school hours, to offer advice and to receive work which they will then mark and return with feedback.

Please be assured we know the importance of the GCSEs to your child and understand you will be concerned. This issue will be affecting all schools and the DfE have made it clear that they will take measures to ensure students are not disadvantaged because of this and that everyone is treated fairly. The best thing you can do as their parent/carer is to make sure your child does their work and, particularly for Year 11 students, they also undertake a few hours of revision each day/weekend outside of work provided by teachers.

We will contact you again if/when circumstances change. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely

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