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Dear Parents and Carers

In light of yesterday's announcement from the Secretary of State for Education regarding the cancellation of examinations this summer, the school has received a significant number of enquiries from Year 11 students and parents regarding the implications of this.

In this announcement, the Secretary of State stated that schools would be provided with support and guidance over the coming weeks as to how grades could be awarded fairly and robustly for students. He undertook to work with stakeholders across the education sector in order to devise appropriate protocols and checks for this to take place, which will be published in the coming weeks, but no additional detail was given.

The implications of this for the school are that we will not be in a position to release predicted grades to students/parents, as we would historically have done on a report. We have taken this decision as we are unaware of what evidence the Department for Education will instruct us to gather, how this is externally verified and how the awarding organisations will use this information to generate a grade which ensures fairness across centres. It would therefore be inappropriate to make a prediction at this stage, given this uncertainty, as it may not be reflective of what we are ultimately directed to do. Equally, the awarding of centre assessed grades last year also carried with it a requirement for schools not to divulge this information and to maintain confidentiality until the release of results in August. As such, staff have been instructed not to respond to requests for such information.

We are not alone in this position, with other schools also making similar decisions. If you have applied to colleges or sixth forms, we would advise that you contact the provider to discuss this with them to find out how they will be adapting their entry requirements in light of this. Temple Moor's Post 16 Team will be in contact next week regarding progression for all Year 11 students, in order to support them. All students will be contacted by Mrs Pearson or Mrs Cuddy to provide support and then to conduct guidance interviews to secure appropriate decision making. Mrs Pasfield will also be available to provide additional careers advice.

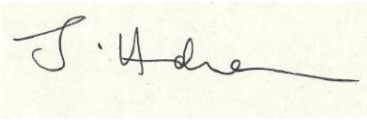
We have also received enquiries about the Y11 December PPE (in school examination) results for students. Staff have worked very hard to mark these and standardise them between teachers. Our intention is to publish a statement of results, using the MyEd app, by the end of next week. Parents will receive these in-school assessment results (in subjects which sat PPE exams), alongside a qualities grade for each subject and an overview of attendance for term 1. It should be emphasised that these PPE results reflect student performance on one exam alone and should not be taken as predicted grades or given to colleges as indicators of predicted performance. Merely, these are one piece of assessment evidence which are part of a bigger picture for students. Equally, we would anticipate that students will continue to make progress from this grade over the next six months, if they continue to engage with their learning remotely.





Understandably, the national lockdown and yesterday's announcements have generated questions and anxieties, but I hope the information above serves to clarify some of these questions with the information which we currently have. We will, of course, keep all parents and students informed as we receive further information or as further changes occur.

Yours faithfully



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