

## Year 10 and Year 12 Examination Groups

Since the instruction by the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education to close all schools in order to support the country's ongoing response to the coronavirus crisis, we have worked incredibly hard to ensure the education of your child continues remotely. Work has been set by teaching staff using SMHW and other educational platforms to ensure the learning process is continuing, and it is essential this work is completed by your child to the best of their ability. Staff will give regular feedback to students through SMHW and email so please encourage your child to use these means of communication; maintaining contact with teachers is of the utmost importance.

Students should also spend time reviewing their previous learning, as there will be less time available than in previous years for teachers to review previously taught material. We would welcome your support in checking this is being done and that routines are quickly established and followed in terms of learning.

It is our priority to ensure that any disruption to learning by the current crisis is kept to a minimum. We strongly believe that once the current Year 11 and Year 13 grades have been awarded, the exam regulator, Ofqual, and exam boards will work with teachers to ensure **no** student entering their final year of formal examinations in September will be disadvantaged.

You may be aware that some teaching establishments have gone down the route of 'live teaching'. We considered this as an option but we found the system to be too unreliable, as not all homes have the appropriate broadband speed or necessary equipment to stream effectively. We are aware that a lot of schools who started with this have now moved back to traditional methods due to the problems outlined above. However, we are investigating other online packages and avenues for 'remote' learning to further support your child and we will adopt these after the Easter holidays if we feel it is necessary.

In these uncertain times, our main priority is to safeguard your child's academic progress and for them not to be disadvantaged by this national crisis. We will endeavour to do this to the best of our ability. By all working together we should be able to achieve this. We will be in contact again after the Easter holidays after evaluating the situation. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or ourselves.

Thank you again for your support.

Kind regards

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