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Dear Students and Parents/Carers

Re: Information for current Year 11 and 13 students

I hope that you have had a good Easter weekend, despite it probably being quite different to previous years. Now that the dust has settled a bit since the shock of both school closure and cancellation of this summer's GCSE and A level exams, we are in a slightly better position to plan for the next few weeks, assuming that lockdown remains.

It is still very important that you have completed all the course content of the subjects that you are currently studying, whether as a Year 11 or 13 student. This is because the government has talked about the possibility of some sort of exam being available after the summer for anyone who wants to improve on the grade that they are awarded, and so it is essential that you have covered everything that could be in an exam. For some subjects you may already been finished but probably not all. For this reason, I have asked your teachers to focus on this for the first 2 weeks of the summer term (starting next Monday). This will not involve revision or practice past paper questions, but the finishing off of content.

Once this has been done, we are going to encourage Year 11 students to be thinking about how you can prepare for your ongoing studies next year, which for many of you will be A level or equivalent level 3 courses. Over the next couple of weeks, departments will be looking at enhancing the bridging work that we usually give out to our Year 11s in preparation for their post 16 study. Once the materials are ready, we will get them out to you. These will be relevant whether you are choosing to study at Abbey Grange or not for post 16. For those of you who will be studying courses that we do not offer at Abbey Grange, I would advise you to contact your future provider to see if there is any work or reading that you can be doing.

For our year 13 students, once course content is finished, there will not be any specific work set by Abbey Grange. I would encourage you to be looking at what you can do to prepare for your next step; for a lot of you this might be preparation reading that universities and colleges recommend.

Meanwhile, your teachers will be working on the "centre assessed grade" that will be sent to exam boards to help them determine your grades. This is not a process which will be rushed and must be based on "evidence held within the centre [school] and which has been reviewed by subject teachers and relevant heads of department". Every care will be taken to make this as accurate and fair as possible and will be carefully scrutinised by subject leaders and senior staff. Schools have



been told not to inform students of these grades, once they have been decided, and in any case they may be altered by the exam boards before a final grade is issued.

Although this was not the way in which we planned for this year to proceed, we do know that the current situation is not permanent, and therefore being prepared for re-engaging with education is important for all of you, and we want to support you in doing this.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Norden
Principal