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Dear Parents and Carers

Over the coming weeks, as our students return to our academies on a full-time basis, I'd like to reassure you that, once again, our priority will be their emotional health and wellbeing. We know that last year's students, whilst faced with uncertainty and prolonged absence from school, all went on successfully to appropriate destinations. We expect our current Y11 and Y13 students to do likewise and all our messages will be to reassure them rather than add any additional pressure.

As I'm sure you are aware, last week the Secretary of State for Education announced that formal public examinations will not take place this summer, and instead, grades awarded to students would be determined by their teachers. We are currently working closely with other leaders across our Multi-Academy Trust to ensure that we have clear, consistent and fair system for the awarding of grades and we should be in a position to provide you with further information regarding this shortly. Please be assured that every effort will be made to ensure that our students achieve to their full potential in the summer and have appropriate onward progression routes.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours faithfully

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