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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone, its been a very challenging time for all and I hope this year brings some more positive experiences. As you are all aware, the government has confirmed that our year 11 students will not be sitting formal GCSE & A Level, external exams this summer. Students grades will be replaced by a teacher assessed grades. There has been no confirmation regarding BTEC coursework and exams, therefore at this stage, students will continue to work on coursework and we will update when we know more.

Last term, year 11's sat internal, end of term benchmarking tests and were given their first predicted grade of the academic year. Under normal circumstances, students were scheduled to sit internal, formal mocks in January 2021 to determine their progress and therefore next prediction and then a final teacher prediction in the summer term. This cannot take place, therefore, we will look to replace these mocks with formal, internal assessments later in the term.

In order to prepare for these, heads of faculty have devised revision topic lists and allocated zoom (Live) lessons which are attached. Please share these with students as the expectation is that they continue to revise and prepare for these assessments. The internal assessments will be based on content covered so far so as to not disadvantage students.

The students final teacher assessment grade will be based on class performance, book monitoring, regular test performance, homework and the internal assessments. Therefore, it is vital that students participate fully in online learning during lockdown and are preparing for assessments when they return to school.

Although this is not the ideal situation for anyone, students do need to stay motivated and think about future choices. Entry requirements for sixth form and college will be based on the teacher assessments, therefore, continued performance in all areas is absolutely essential.

Please feel free to contact either myself or Mr Meale if you are having any issues with devices and access to lesson resources. Students and parents will need Go4Schools/Edmodo logins to access Zoom links to lessons, timetables and lesson content, therefore, please ensure these are working and contact school if not.

Yours scinceley,

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