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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this email finds you and your families safe and well.

There has been a lot of speculation regarding expectations of students and their work over the next few weeks, so this email is to address some of your queries and concerns.

Firstly, we are now entering the two-week Easter period break and please note that teachers will not be setting work for students during this time. All subjects have now covered the course requirements for Year 11 and so will not be delivering individual subject lessons.

There is still a lot of uncertainty around the exams situation and we are still awaiting guidance from Ofqual with regards to the details of the awarding of grades for students. It has become clear that schools will be required to submit predicted grades and then these school grades will be moderated (moved up or down) through a statistical analysis across the country, looking at the progress of students within each school in previous years. It has been made clear to schools though that we are forbidden from entering into discussions with parents or students about their school predicted grades and are not allowed to share details of any further predictions that teachers are required to make.

Of equal importance to us is the wellbeing of our Year 11 students. Many of our students are feeling overwhelmed and some are feeling quite isolated at the moment, with this unexpected and abrupt end to our academic year. I have reassured students that we will be having an end of year celebration, but in the meantime, we ask that students are in regular contact with us via the Form Teams or SPL Teams group chat. Our Year 11 students continue to be on our roll and therefore we care very much about their wellbeing. This will be a very challenging time for the majority of students. Parents - please encourage your daughter to download the 'Office 365 Teams' app, this is a simple process and it will facilitate contact between your child and our school.

After the Easter holidays, we will be advising students of online courses they can undertake in preparation for the next stage of their education and which may also help support applications to colleges where places may be over-subscribed.

If you have any concerns or if you have any questions regarding the above or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warm regards,

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