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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Update for Year 13 Parents

This week the government outlined initial details of how grades will be awarded to students taking A Level examinations this summer. No doubt there will be further developments as we progress towards the end of this academic year, but at this stage I wanted to assure you that we are doing all we can to ensure all students receive a set of qualifications which will allow them to move forward with the next steps in their education, training or employment. This week has seen a number of key developments and we wanted to communicate some key issues with you.

For your information, the decision has been taken to withdraw all students from any scheduled examinations in January. Therefore, if your son/daughter was expecting to sit an OCR Technical Examination in Sport this **will not** go ahead. You can be confident this will have no impact upon final grades and exam boards have assured us that no student will be disadvantaged as a result.

It is essential that students continue to engage with their learning remotely during this period of lockdown. It is now highly likely we will be using teacher assessments which will be based on evidence from a range of sources linked to in-college performance. Engagement with all aspects of learning will be one element, with other elements likely to be further assessments/internal examinations being issued upon our return to college. As ever, we will do all we can to support students and if anyone requires any additional support please contact either Mrs Keeler or your son/ daughter's tutor via e-mail.

Mrs Keeler will contact your son/daughter on Monday with updated information regarding Year 13 mock examinations which were originally scheduled to be taking place this week.

We are also continuing to support students with UCAS applications.

I hope this gives answers to some of the questions you may have at this stage. As soon as further updates are available, we will contact you. Although the circumstances this year may be different, we will do all we can to ensure that your son/daughter achieves the grades needed for their next steps in life whether this is an application to Higher Education or access to apprenticeships and employment. We look forward to celebrating success together at the very earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams', with a small flourish at the end.

Mrs N Williams
Associate Executive Principal