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Dear families,

We are indeed in uncharted waters at the moment and living through unprecedented times.

As you will have heard, the government has announced that this year's summer exams will not go ahead. I appreciate that this decision has left many of our students in a profound state of shock and disbelief, let alone a sense of abandonment. I want you to know that the staff and I are crestfallen for our students and although we can only imagine what this feels like, sadly they alone are left to endure this. I hope they feel, at least, that we all stand beside them at this difficult time.

Our students, your children, have been working hard in preparation for these exams and therefore will be feeling uncertain and anxious during this time. We await guidance from the government with regard to the type of information and any assessment feedback they will need in awarding grades.

During this time, it is important, where students have not completed the course especially those that have not completed the controlled assessment aspects of the course that they continue to work on these.

Students studying a **BTEC** course need to ensure they complete any outstanding assessments. It seems that BTEC courses will be judged on completed course work. All guidance on completing work will be set by teachers on Google Classroom.

It is unclear how sixth form colleges and universities will complete admissions processes. With the possibility of entrance exams or aptitude tests it is important that students do all they can to be prepared for their future studies. This is best served by them completing the courses they were studying.

We will continue to communicate with you on these matters as soon as information becomes available.

Yours sincerely

Paul Woods
Headteacher