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Dear Year 11 Students and Families

Following my last communication with you before the Easter Holidays regarding the Ofqual guidance for the awarding of GCSE grades this summer, we have now been informed that GCSE Results Day will be on Thursday 20th August. Results will be available for collection at 10.00am.

Whilst we now have clarity around when GCSE results will be available in school, a number of questions about the end of Year 11 still remain unanswered. Under normal circumstances, there would have been a Celebration Day for Year 11, during which we would have had a Leavers' Assembly and issued Year Books and Leavers' Hoodies. After the exam season had concluded, there would also have been the Prom at the end of June. We will, clearly, not be able to deliver these events in the same way for our Year 11s this year, which is a significant disappointment for both them and us.

We are, however, hopeful that we will be able to put something in place for our Year 11s to mark this significant turning point in their education. We are, like most people nationally and internationally, evaluating the current situation very carefully and, taking the government's information into account, considering what could be done and when. We might still, for example, be able to hold a Prom, albeit at a later date.

We hope that you feel reassured that, whilst we are not able to give you definite plans at the present time, we are still considering potential options. We will be in touch with you when we are in a position to provide greater clarity.

On a separate note, please may I remind you that teachers of Year 11 classes will be posting any last learning that students may wish to do to complete courses on Show My Homework from Monday next week. I have also been in contact with the Senior Team at Wood Green school in Witney and, as promised, their pre-A level preparation packs will be ready for our students next week. I will send a link out to you all by Parentmail next week as soon as these are ready.

Please find attached to this Parentmail two letters from external agencies. One is from the police on the subject of "sexting" and the other, entitled "Supporting children and young people with worries about COVID-19" is from the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) School In Reach Team. I hope you find them useful.

I hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mat Hunter
Headteacher