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Dear Year 11

We have been waiting to see how the situation, and Government guidance, unfolded over the last few months before we made a decision regarding the Prom, at the end of June.

We had held off from cancelling this event, mindful that the Leavers Day had already been cancelled. However, it with great sadness that I have to let you know that, this week, we have reached the conclusion that any significant gathering will not be possible before September, and have, therefore cancelled the Prom.

We understand how disappointing this must be for you and we would still like to put some kind of celebration or leavers event together for you in the future. With this in mind, we were thinking that it might be better to wait until November, when the GCSE certificates will be available for collection. This would hopefully, give enough time for large gatherings to be allowed under the Government guidance, and give a more natural reason to meet.

We would like to gather your input into the sort of event that you would like, as we are aware that a full Prom may no longer feel right at this stage. We are mindful that your wishes and views may change as you start your new Post-16 courses and so we would welcome your suggestions on this nearer the time.

It has been good to hear the generally positive feedback from your tutors, most of whom report that you are all doing well, if not a little bored. There has been a lot for you to take in, and you have shown great resilience as a group. It is good to hear that you are keeping in touch with each other to support each other along the way.

There were a number of specific questions on Leavers Hoodies and the Year Book, which I would like to update you on.

Firstly, the Leavers Hoodies were all ordered before we closed. The company then closed along with the general lockdown. However, they are now open and we are expecting them to be delivered to school over the next week or so. We will need to work out how we organise collection, whilst maintaining social distancing once they have arrived.

Secondly, the Year Book was not complete before we closed. The missing pieces were, the whole year group photo and the whole tutor group photos. It would not be possible to take these photos at this stage due to the social distancing regulations. However, we could still organise a slimmed down version of the Year Book, if there was an appetite for it. We will put together a specific costed proposal for you to respond to directly.

We know that you will be disappointed, if not surprised, by this cancellation but I do hope that you understand that this was not within our control and not what we would have wanted. We will be in touch regarding a replacement event after your GCSE results day and will let you know about the collection of Hoodies and the Year Book shortly.

On a completely separate note, Mrs Richardson is still working hard to ensure that you have updated Careers Advice. Please see a link to her "Careers News" for this week.

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Yours faithfully

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