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Dear Year 11 Parents

**Government announcement about the cancelling of exams**

I know that many of you will have heard that the Government has taken the decision to cancel the GCSE exams this year.

I have written a letter to Year 11 students directly. Firstly, to express my sadness at this decision, as students have worked so hard for these exams and deserve the opportunity to show what they have learnt.

Secondly, it is crucial that students understand that we do not yet know what will replace exams. We are still awaiting guidance from government on exactly what will happen in terms of how grades will be awarded.

In addition, because students will have missed a significant amount of learning throughout the two year GCSE courses that they are on, they will not necessarily have the foundation of knowledge that is normally expected in order to begin A-Levels, Level 3 BTEC and other Level 3 qualifications, either at the Academy, at a college or other Further Education institute.

Whilst last year, the Government relied on centre assessed grades in order to award grades to students, we do not yet know what will be put in place this year. Therefore, we must ensure that we are able to supply any evidence that may be requested by Government.

For all these reasons, it is critical that your child continues to work hard by attending the Live lessons on Teams, on Mytutor and completing assessments to the highest standards they can. We will be closely monitoring attendance and engagement of all students throughout this period of closure and will contact you if your child is not attending or working to a high enough standard.

Having said that, the attendance, engagement and participation of Year 11 students on line yesterday was very impressive! Please do keep encouraging your child to work with us, contact us when they need help and work hard in between lessons, as there will also be an amount of independent work that they will need to do.

As further information and guidance is published from the government, I will contact you to let you know what is happening and how this will affect your child.

Thank you for all your continuing support and I hope very much that you and your families stay safe and healthy during this time.

Yours faithfully

**Miss Bacon**  
**Principal**



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