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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the messages of support and appreciation you have sent into school today. The series of rapid announcements over the last few weeks have not given us much time to adapt to them but I am pleased that we have been able to successfully launch our on-learning learning package to all year groups this morning. As expected we have experienced a few teething problems, some expected and others new to us. The overwhelming feedback has been that the launch has worked well with both pupils and staff really pleased to connect and pick up on their learning from last term. It is a big change in working for both staff and pupils and we will find fixes for glitches and share good practice. Everyone will soon gain in confidence the more it is used.

I would like to thank pupils for their engagement, teachers for stepping out of their normal classroom environment and our IT team and support staff for ensuring teachers were able to teach and pupils, both at home and in school, were supported in their learning.

Pupils both in school and at home are receiving the same lessons. Lessons follow the school curriculum and prepare pupils for the next steps in their learning. External exams, both in year 11 and 13 form a natural end to dedicated courses. This of course is never the end of education. It gives a basis for next steps. Those next steps are always there, irrespective of how assessment is made. Pupils will continue to go to university and enter sixth forms and training irrespective of how the government choose to assess year 11 and 13 pupils.

It is important that pupils remain fully engaged in learning, trying their best and building up a knowledge base that will give them the best possible platform for future progression. The Education Secretary is due to make an announcement in the commons tomorrow and we hope to gain some insight into what will take the place of the full summer exam series of GCSE and A levels.

The upcoming vocational exams are still scheduled to take place. This means pupils studying Btec Sports and Applied Science in the sixth form and iMedia in year 11 will take their external exam in school.

Year 13 mocks will take place next week. Pupils will sit their exams at home. Ms Davies has sent information to year 13 pupils to explain how this will be arranged.

I will write to you again before the weekend. I hope you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lewis
Head Teacher



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