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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

INSET Day – Monday 7th June

As you will be aware, this year GCSE and A level grades are to be awarded through school assessed grades. We have been in regular communication with pupils, parents and carers in Year 11 and 13 around the process. As a school we have some 3,500 grades to prepare. The importance of accurately assessing our pupils and providing this information to exam boards is paramount. With this in mind, governors have agreed to the school creating an extra INSET day (a training day) in order for all staff to moderate and process grades. This day will be Monday 7th June. It is the first day after the half term break. It means all pupils will return to school on Tuesday 8th June. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused and the delayed start to our final half term. Whilst we very much wanted to avoid taking this extra day, I am sure you can appreciate the importance of getting the grading process right.

Year 11 and 13

In previous years, the first 3 weeks of June were taken up by the exam season with students officially leaving school on the Friday of week 3. This year there are of course no exams and all school assessments that lead to the awarding of grades will be finished by the 28th May. From Tuesday 8th June, Year 11 and 13 students will not be expected to attend school. Over the next few weeks, we will release information around the transition activities we will be expecting students to do prior to them leaving school on Friday 25th June. They will focus on supporting the transition to sixth form, college or university and it is expected that students fully engage with the transition process. The work will be supported by teachers and support staff. The work set is relevant and will enable a successful transition, focusing on what we all hope will be a better year ahead.

Normally we would be looking forward to Year 13 and 11 proms as a way of marking the end of school for the students. There still remains a number of unknowns as we continue along the government road map. Proms are expensive events and it does not feel responsible to ask families to prepare for something we may not be able to run. As a school, we have always been very clear about our social responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID19 within our school and wider community and do not have the assurance that we can safely hold a traditional prom in the same way as previous years. I know this will be disappointing for many students but hope you understand the reasons behind the decision. We understand how important the marking of the end of school is for both students and school staff and are determined to mark the occasion in an appropriate manner. We are planning a celebration which will happen during school time where everyone can take part in a safe environment. Further information will be given over the next few weeks. In the meantime, it is important that students remain fully focused on the assessments that will be happening in the coming weeks.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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