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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

As yet we have received no further information regarding the assessment of GCSEs. Our advice to Year 11 students is to carry on learning. Please ensure you complete the course in all your subjects via class charts work that is being set. Revision materials will continue to be provided as some students may wish to retake examinations later in the year. Staff will also be setting pre reading material for Key Stage Five. If you would like to get ahead and prepare for the next stage of your academic career, please email subject teachers for specific advice and guidance.

Further information from the DFE can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

Mrs Pentney is in contact with colleges and will update Year 11 students and parents with further information and guidance as the situation becomes clearer.

There are some fantastic free online courses that are suitable for Year 11 students wishing to prepare for KS5 at futurelearn.com. Please follow the below link.

https://www.futurelearn.com/courses?filter_category=open&filter_course_type=unlimited&filter_availability=started&all_courses=1&fbclid=IwAR1FeaAbpMTBVluECP31pc3vex_mlxE7h4sRuTArFI62C-AfD5uDDYvZPTY

The Department for Education are warning that parents and guardians are being targeted by scammers. Fraudsters are targeting families with email messages such as, 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed'. This message is a SCAM and neither the school nor the DfE would ever ask for your bank details. Please do not follow the link.

Public Health England have shared information about how to keep mentally well whilst at home during isolation. Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Advice remains the same that the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water and stay at home to save the NHS.

I wish you all well at this uncertain time.

Yours sincerely



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