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Dear Parent Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of our first week and so much has happened and changed! It has been an incredibly difficult week and I hope that things will start to settle down as we get used to 'lockdown' again.

I am sure that for you and your daughter, the news that exams are once again cancelled was a shock and quite upsetting. The most important thing now, is that your daughter continues to work hard and do all that is asked of her as we need much more assessment information to help us establish the final grades. We will have mock results but there will be further tests/essays/assignments that will help us to decide on the final grade. The mock results and most recent grade entry will be posted home soon. Please do discuss all of this with your daughter so that she realises the importance of working to the best of her ability from now on.

One thing that I would like to stress, is that I believe that we have moved forward considerably with our ability to deliver good quality remote education since the first lockdown last March and expectations are different this time. Our current situation is that staff are expected to be delivering recorded lessons for all Y11 lessons.

We want our pupils to get into a school day routine so from now on lessons will be uploaded and ready for pupils at the correct time. For example, a period 2 lesson will be scheduled for 10.00am. Teachers should also be available on line during the lesson for pupils to ask questions and interact with.

Moving forward, we will be delivering more live lessons. Some staff are already doing this but it will become more common over the next few weeks. We will also be using one year group to trial introducing form time, to ensure that pupils engage with their form tutor at the start of the day. If this is successful and useful, we will roll it out across the school. One of the issues with live lessons is that they require pupils to go on line at a particular time which is an issue if computers are being shared. If this is an issue for your daughter, please phone the school office or email and we will try to resolve the problem.

Please do contact us if you feel that you need help or support as we know that home schooling is not easy and that every family has their own issues to deal with. Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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