



Bay House

School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The announcement that schools in England will be closed until further notice and that the summer examination season has been cancelled has understandably caused much frustration and sadness. We are fortunate to witness each day the commitment, energy and passion of our students, and understand that they will be bitterly disappointed not to be able to complete their studies in the same manner as all previous cohorts.

At the time of writing the school has yet to be informed of the way in which the Department for Education and the examination boards will award A-Level grades. We would like to reassure you that our students' best interests will continue to be at the forefront of our minds when implementing any actions with external organisations.

We have asked all students to continue making any final alterations to coursework where possible and to seek guidance from teachers via email if it is required. Those students completing the Extended Project Qualification should also ensure that they have provided their supervisor with their final essays and production logbooks. Should students require additional support they can seek this from their supervisors or are welcome to contact me directly.

In anticipation of school closures, teaching staff have provided students with a significant amount of revision material in addition to the resources which have been uploaded to both Google Classroom and the Bay House Learning website. We are currently unable to confirm whether students will be required to sit assessments or examinations at some stage. Therefore, it is expected that these resources are retained in case they need to be utilised at a later date.

We are anticipating that we will shortly receive information regarding university applications. There have currently been no adjustments to the UCAS deadlines and therefore we recommend students should avoid making knee-jerk decisions based on the developments in the last few days. We are also aware that some universities have now altered many of their conditional offers to unconditional offers. If students have not accepted their final university place, we recommend they should refrain from doing so until further information has been provided by all the universities they have submitted an application to.

At this difficult time, we ask that students and parents understand that staff members may not be in a position to respond to emails in the swift manner that you would usually expect. Whilst we are eager to support our students in any way possible, we ask that you consider that many of our colleagues will be caring for their own family and friends, or may themselves be unwell.

Following this challenging period, we intend to invite all our Upper Sixth students back to Bay House when the school closures come to an end. We remain committed to ensuring that our usual Leavers' Celebrations take place and that the current cohort can celebrate the completion of their studies with their peers and teachers.

As soon as we receive additional information from the Department for Education we will share this with you, alongside any other updates we obtain from universities. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to email me. I will respond as soon as I am able to do so.

We fully appreciate how challenging this situation is for both parents and students. We hope that everyone is able to remain safe and healthy during this difficult time and we look forward to returning to school in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Dadd', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Dadd

Head of Sixth Form