



School & Sixth Form

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To all parents/carers of Lower Sixth students

Dear Parent/Carer

This is a challenging time for all families and we understand that our students are concerned about the impact of the current situation on their academic progress. The latest information from the Department for Education highlights that whilst their priority is on fairly awarding grades in the summer, they will take steps to ensure that the current Lower Sixth cohort will not be disadvantaged when taking examinations next year.

We appreciate that students will be finding the adjustment to working at home independently particularly challenging. We also understand the difficulty in attempting to learn demanding A-Level content without the support and expertise of a teacher in a classroom. In addition, many students are concerned about friends, family members and the uncertainty of the future. We have therefore taken the decision to cancel the Lower Sixth examinations which were due to take place in June. When we receive further information from the government we will review our calendar and inform students of when future assessments will take place.

Where possible students should attempt to complete four hours of study during each school day and regularly check their school email accounts. Teachers have been informed of these guidelines and will endeavour to set appropriate amounts of work. If a student requires further support or explanations they are encouraged to email teachers directly. Should a student not be in a position to complete work due to illness or other extenuating circumstances please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team who will notify teachers. If students have capacity to complete additional work they should seek extension tasks and revision materials from their subject teachers. If we receive any further guidance from the Department for Education or the examination boards we will review the levels of work being provided.

If students have any concerns they are welcome to contact their tutors or members of the Sixth Form Team who will endeavour to provide additional support.

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 teachers are eager to support students in any way possible, we ask that you consider that many of our colleagues will be caring for their own family or may themselves be unwell. Therefore, immediate responses to emails may not always be possible.

We hope that everyone is able to remain safe and healthy during this half term. We will continue to provide you with further information when it is received from the Department for Education.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Dadd
Head of Sixth Form