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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

RE: UPDATE REGARDING MOCK EXAMINATIONS, A LEVELS AND POSSIBLE GRADING IN YEAR 13

I am writing to update you about the current situation relating to mock examinations, A Level examinations and the grading of students in Year 13 this year.

I want to assure you that as soon as we hear from the Government about the national plans for the return to school, we will let you know how we will support Year 13 students and their families through the next five months.

It is such a difficult time for us all and with no guidance yet from the Government about when Year 13 are to return to school it is difficult to make plans. In terms of mock examinations, we have them booked in the calendar for March. This is what we are working towards, but as soon as we know more from the Government, we will review these plans and let you know immediately.

With regard to how examinations are to be graded, once we know exactly the system to be used we will let you all know immediately. It is likely that the grades will be based on a similar system to last year and for this reason we do hope that all students will continue to apply themselves to their studies and revision as they prepare for the second mock examinations. These will most certainly be used as part of the progress data to be used to assimilate the grades in each subject.

We have been very impressed to date at how Year 13 students are making every effort with their online lessons and home study.

I am sorry that this does not offer clear guidance as to what is expected, but hopefully it will help to assure you that we are trying to react quickly to national guidance and inform you of what is expected as quickly as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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