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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Mock Exams and Final Exams**

Following the government's announcement last night we recognise that both you and our Year 11 students will have questions and concerns regarding their exams and grades. As with all announcements such as this, we get the information at the same time as the rest of the nation and so unfortunately we are unable to answer questions at this stage.

We are awaiting further information and direction from the Department for Education and OFQUAL regarding exams and the assessment process. **There has been much speculation about what may or may not happen in the summer but it is important that we continue to respond to definitive announcements; thus far the only statement made has been that 'it is not possible or fair for all exams to go ahead this summer as normal', clearly specific details and information is required to fully understand what this means** and as soon as we have that detail we will communicate with you.

I have emailed all Year 11 students today to explain this situation and to reassure them that we will continue to do our best for them, the importance of staying motivated and engaged in their learning and that we will keep all parties fully informed as updates emerge. I know that many of them will be disappointed to think that all of their hard work may be 'wasted' – it certainly won't! I have strongly advised that they continue to work hard, return work to their teachers and email staff with any subject specific questions.

**The Creative iMedia exam on 11<sup>th</sup> January has not been cancelled** and so is going ahead as planned – we will update you if this changes.

In terms of learning, we will be continuing as planned – students will access their lessons on Teams and we will continue to cover the curriculum for each subject. The mock exams that were postponed until 25<sup>th</sup> January of course can no longer take place.

Once we know more regarding exams, assessment, and how grades will be awarded we will update you and until then we request that you do not contact individual teachers about this – we are unable to comment at this stage.

Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and assure you that all staff are doing all they can for our students.

Yours sincerely

Miss Owen  
Assistant Principal  
KS4 Progress Leader