

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Sixth Form students, parents and carers,

In these most unpredictable and uncertain of times it is easy to lose sight of what we do in school and why we all are here, working together. Ultimately the Sixth Form provides the bridge from school to adult life, preparing students to make the transition into higher education, work or apprenticeships. Under these circumstances it seems very difficult to achieve this goal, but it is crucial we continue to move forward together. We hope the information in this letter goes some way to cut through the confusion.

### **Year 13 students**

As you are already aware, exams will not take place this year. Instead student's exam grades will be decided by Ofqual and the exam boards. They hope to deliver a grade that is a fair reflection of the work students have put in over the last 2 years. Although the exact formula is not yet known at the time of writing, student grades will be decided using the following criteria to calculate the final grade:

- Coursework grades (where appropriate).
- Mock exam grades.
- Prior attainment (at GCSE and AS Level).
- Teacher predicted grades.

The Government hope to get the grades released to students in July. Students who disagree with the grades will be able to do the following things:

- Appeal against the grade using additional information.
- Take the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. The dates for this are obviously not yet known.
- Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.

We will continue to update you when more information is available. We want to reassure you that staff have a proven record in providing accurate predictions. Last year 86% of predicted grades were correct. We already use all data and information available to us to make our predicted grades and we are confident our current predictions reflect each student's ability and the progress they would make from PPE to the final exams.

This is a truly awful way for you to finish your time at Tretherras. We want nothing more than for you to have your moment this summer, to have that feeling of opening that envelope and celebrate all your hard work and success. As such, we will be in touch with what will happen with your results day and the Prom. Remember, those grades will still mean something – they are the grades you deserve and would have got in your exams. We are incredibly proud of you and what you have achieved during your time at school. You have been fantastic to work with and we hope you have life-long

memories from your time here. The entire Sixth Form team and staff wish you every success in the future.

### **Year 12 Students**

Work will be set for Year 12 students using Microsoft Teams in their Office 365 accounts on a weekly basis. Students are expected to complete tasks to the best of their ability and upload work to teachers as requested. The Teams App also allows lessons to be delivered on-line. Students have been asked to make themselves available during their timetabled lesson times to receive information from their teachers. Lessons will either be taught or have work set during this time. It's important that you keep working – you need to be prepared for September and continuing to engage in learning will help you. **Please remember that the content you will cover at home will be examined next summer.** You need to keep up to date with it, and contact staff (via Teams) if there is work you don't understand.

You now are going to have a long period of time before you are back in formal education. Routine is important for both your physical and mental health. Try to exercise each day, eat well and keep your mind active!

**We urge you all to follow the government advice and have as little contact with others at this time.** Cornish people need to protect themselves and each other to ensure Treliske has the capacity to help anyone in need over the next few months.

We wish everyone the very best of luck, please remember that the school is here for you during these difficult times. Stay in touch and please contact us online or by the Sixth Form mobile if you need any further guidance or advice.

Yours sincerely

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is for Mr A Booth, and the second signature on the right is for Mr J Hammersley. Both signatures are fluid and cursive.

**Mr A Booth**  
**Head of Sixth Form**

**Mr J Hammersley**  
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