

5th January 2021

Dear Year 11, Parents and Carers,

What a term... and we're only two days in!

Firstly, happy new year to you all. As you will know, school is closed to the vast majority of students, including Year 11. Whilst the building is not in operation for many of you, lessons most certainly are! Well done to all those Year 11s who have been attending. Online attendance to your lessons is compulsory and Year 11 attendance is at about 85% - this needs to be higher! All lessons are running using Teams. If you are unsure how to access these, just look at the Online Teaching and Learning tab on our website, or call school - we're here to help.

You may well have heard the announcement by Boris Johnson yesterday surrounding exams. He explained that exams will look different and that the examination boards are coming up with a plan. Whilst we don't know what that plan is yet, we want to reassure you of a few things:

- Attending lessons online this half term will be vital - the work you do and the learning you receive will count towards a final grade (however that is determined).
- Your December mock and October Core Assessments alone won't determine your final grade.
- It is likely that a range of assessments and work, **perhaps to include some form of formal examination**, will determine your final grade.
- You will be back in school soon and can expect to sit further PPEs that the Online lessons will help you to prepare for.
- Those who have January exams, keep revising for now. Further information will be sent to you in due course.

Ultimately, Year 11, we've got you. We know how to make sure you get those grades you deserve. You just need to do your bit - attend every lesson online, submit the work and dig deep.

We can't wait to see you when it is safe to do so.

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Head of Year