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Letter regarding Year 13 Public Examinations

Dear Year 13 Parents,

I am writing to you regarding the announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday regarding the cancellation of all pupil exams this academic year. Currently, we do not know how qualification grades will be awarded, but we will contact you and students as soon as we are aware of how this process will work.

We understand that the students will be very worried in these unprecedented times and we will try to keep you and them as informed as possible about results, appeals process, resit opportunities etc..

A Levels, BTECS, OCR technicals and GCSEs are more than just a grade or an exam, they are about knowledge acquisition and the movement onto the next stage of students' lives. They should value how much they have gained from learning to study independently and overcoming challenges that these difficult qualifications present. To help keep them focused for their next steps and allow their minds to keep active we are strongly recommending that the students do the work set by their teachers in the coming weeks

I spoke to the Year 13s in an emergency assembly today at 10.45am and reiterated all of these points.

We are very proud of what Year 13 have achieved at QEHS. In recognition of this we will look to hold a celebration event for Year 13 in the summer term if at all possible.

Thank you for your patience in these unusual times.

Yours,

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