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Dear Parents,

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday evening, there has been a further statement by the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, regarding the cancellation of GCSE exams this summer. Grades will, as last year, be determined by schools. The framework for this has yet to be shared and so details are limited. The uncertainty is very unsettling for you and your children. I hope that clarity will be offered as soon as possible.

With regard to the rest of this term and next, we will be continuing to deliver course content as planned. There will need to be robust data on which to make our judgements. Undoubtedly some form of further assessment will be necessary. The timing of this remains uncertain as we await further information. It had been our intention to have a set of mock exams for Year 11 immediately following the February half-term. Given the current lockdown situation and exam cancellations, this schedule is likely to change.

In the meantime, I urge your children to continue to follow all the exam courses diligently in anticipation of further assessment in due course. I will update you whenever possible.

I include links to the statements by Mr Williamson and Simon Lebus Regulator of Ofqual

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-statement-to-parliament-on-national-lockdown>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-message-from-simon-lebus-chief-regulator-on-exams-in-2021>

With best wishes

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