

19th March 2020

Dear Y11 Parent / Carer,

The last 12 hours have prompted a roller-coaster of emotions and some of our Year 11 students who came in today felt very sad that their hard work would not be recognised in public examinations and that tomorrow is very likely to be their last official secondary school day. We wanted to do something a little special for them, so JoG will welcome them at 8.30 until 12.30. They will be able to get their shirt signed, reminisce about their time at school and have a free lunch, together. Many have also requested to have their final PE lesson tomorrow, so please remind them to bring their PE kit and yes, they can wear their own clothes!

I also wanted to stress two very important points:

- Even though we have been told that exams are cancelled, we will very likely need to submit predicted grades to the exam boards. Students must therefore continue to work and submit their work for marking / feedback. They must, whenever possible, use Teams on Office 365; they have all been shown how to do it. It is not so much revision that is necessary but continued diligent practice of exam questions and review of difficult concepts and topics. If they do not submit any work, their predicted grades are unlikely to move up! We will make sure that if students do not have their mock papers back yet, these will be made available as soon as staff can bring them back to school.
- If students do not return to school before September, they cannot run the risk of being under prepared for their next courses, be it Apprenticeship, College or A levels. It is therefore imperative for them, that they continue to read, learn, practise, at least until the end of June, which would have been the end of their exam period.

As parents you will undoubtedly have confused and perhaps angry or upset teenagers at home; we understand how they feel. Please do get in touch with me if I can be of any further assistance.

Please note that buses will be available as normal, tomorrow.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Corinne Walker
Head of School

