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Dear Parent / Carer and Year 11 pupils

Once again we find ourselves in a very unfortunate and disappointing situation. During Monday's announcement, the Prime Minister indicated that the Government now do not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned, and that they will work with Ofqual to consult rapidly on alternative arrangements.

Predictably, we have very little detail at this stage on how our pupils will be assessed and how their grades will be determined. I am writing to both reassure you but inform you that, at present, we know nothing more than what has been made public. As I have stated in a previous correspondence we have no prior knowledge of these announcements until they are declared publicly either in parliament or via a news platform.

This news will inevitably cause our Year 11 pupils yet more concern and anxiety, and our Trust are continuing to push for answers as a matter of urgency. In the meantime, I would like to reassure our pupils that the work they are doing will still contribute to their final grade in some way, and to remind them of the importance of what they are currently learning in supporting them to access the next steps of their education. I understand that this will be difficult, and I am so sorry for each of our pupils and their families that they are being left in this position, yet again, because of this lack of clarity.

Please be reassured as soon as we have a definitive direction or accurate information I will be back in touch with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Redford  
Head teacher