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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you are all keeping safe in these challenging times.

You will know that all schools are currently closed to all students due to the sharp rise in positive cases among children of school age. Our hub has had to close. We hope that the measures taken will reduce the risk of more people becoming ill and help to contain the spread of the virus. If you do have symptoms, the advice is to contact 111 and self-isolate while waiting for advice.

Remote learning will continue as 'normal' while school is shut. Please try to keep going with this as much as you can. We do appreciate your efforts.

There is no one in school at the moment to answer the telephones so please send any enquiries through via email or intouch. The admin team are working remotely and will redirect queries to the person best able to give useful information and advice.

For students in years 9 and 11, we are still working on the virtual 14-19 evening information – working from home and not being able to come into school to upload information is challenging our use of technology, so it is taking a bit longer than we had hoped. I expect it to be live by mid-week and there will be a link on the website.

The Minister has taken the decision that there will be no exams for IGCSE or IA level courses (Cambridge) in line with the other exam boards. Students in years 11, 12 and 13 still need to continue working on their academic studies. The procedures this year are completely different from what happened last year, when we were asked to predict what grade students might have got. We will be getting more information from the exam boards by the end of this term but, broadly speaking, we will be working with students to gather a portfolio of evidence on which to base the grade we submit to the boards. Each subject will be different so teachers will be able to give more precise information towards the end of this term. We anticipate that we will be able to do more work next term on producing evidence so, for now, the best advice is to continue to complete the remote learning and also spend some time revising and consolidating the work you have already done. Please do not worry about this – we will make sure that you use the best possible evidence to justify your grades. The exam boards are also working on guidance for teachers on how to use this evidence to convert it to a grade. There will also be a quality assurance process by exam boards to make sure centres are being fair to students. We will keep you informed of the specific details once we get them.

That is all the information I have to share with you for the time being. There are links to support for mental health and wellbeing on our website, as well as guidance and help for remote learning. I hope that you are keeping positive and well. Thank you all for your support.

Best wishes

Sue Moore