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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all your continued support of the school and your perseverance during these very difficult times. I hope you and all members of your family are keeping well and safe.

I wanted to take this opportunity to confirm what will be happening for any Year 12 students that were due to take examinations this summer. As I am sure you are aware all GCSE, AS, A-Level and vocational exams have been cancelled for summer 2020. Unfortunately, currently there is little clarity from the government about how this will impact Year 12 students. I can, however, confirm that **all current Year 12 students will continue to have a place in our Sixth Form.**

- The students that were due to complete re-sit GCSE English or mathematics exams will not be sitting their exams this summer. Further opportunities for re-sits will be available in Year 13.
- If students were to be entered for AS Level exams in their subjects, then these will not take place. Students will continue their studies into Year 13.
- For vocational subjects, where possible, students will be entered for units that they have completed or were due to complete this summer, including externally examined units. Details of how these grades will be awarded have not yet been issued by the government.

After the Easter break, we will continue to set work for Year 12 students in all their subjects via email. Some subjects are also trialling lessons using Microsoft Teams. It is very important that students continue to complete work that they have been set to the highest standard possible and meet deadlines for submission of work. This will ensure that education progresses even though students are not physically at school.

As well as continuing with studies in their specific subjects, students should start to look at their next steps and as such we are suggesting several courses of action:

1. Research for careers by using their Unifrog & Pathway CTM accounts.

www.unifrog.org
<https://pathwayctm.com/>

2. Get on twitter and follow a range of accounts that specifically offer opportunities for work experience, not forgetting our Sixth Form account (@T6thF) on which Mr Lindquist regularly re-tweets many opportunities
3. Start "up-skilling" by accessing a wide range of online training that is free on the Unifrog & Pathway CTM platforms - this is a great opportunity to build CVs and create evidence for personal statements. Here are some other useful websites.

<https://www.mooc.org/>
<https://www.futurelearn.com/>
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>
<https://www.savethestudent.org/student-jobs/free-online-courses-that-will-pimp-up-your-cv.html>



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4. Students considering university should log in and complete some research on university and course requirements.

www.ucas.com

5. Start to draft CVs and personal statements so they are ready to go at a moment's notice

Remember that HT staff are still here to support all Year 12 students over the coming months and we will continue to keep in contact throughout this difficult time. If any student has questions, worries or they just want to contact someone for a catch-up Miss Goody and myself are always available.

Take good care of yourselves.

Yours faithfully



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