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Dear Year 10

Thank you for 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 am sure that you will have read and heard that schools will be reopening using a phased approach and that Years 10 and 12 will be the first students returning. I would like to reassure you that our first priority will be to ensure the health and safety of students and staff and as such we will be reintroducing students to school very gradually. More information about this can be found in Mr Newman's letter to families which was sent out yesterday.

Until students are invited into school, we will continue to set work as we have been and we will continue to monitor and support students in completing this work via Class Charts. Please do let us know if your child experiences any issues or has a problem with accessing the work or gaining feedback. We are also developing our use of Microsoft Teams technology and this will continue to evolve over the coming weeks, as we train and enable more staff to use this facility.

Finally, I would just like to explain that for our vocational subjects we have been asked to submit Centre Assessed Grades for work students have been unable to complete. This is because exam boards recognise that students will be unable to catch up with units next year and they do not want to penalise them for this. As such, teachers have been considering a wide range of evidence to allocate a grade for each student they teach. This grade is based on external examinations (where appropriate), coursework, as well as internal assessments and classwork. However, it is important to note, that the grade that our staff give may not be the grade that your child is given by Ofqual in their final results.

How could the grade be amended?

Once teachers have allocated a grade they have then been asked to rank the performance of your son or daughter against the performance of their peers in school in each subject they take. This will give the examination board information that will allow them to set the grade boundaries. They will then consider a variety of data, including your child's performance at the end of KS2. This may mean in some circumstances that, where a student is at the higher end of a ranking your child may be given a grade higher than the teacher's judgment. It could also mean that where a student is at the lower end of the ranking your child may be given a grade lower than the teacher's judgment. Schools and staff have been advised by the Government, Ofqual and the Department for Education that they are not allowed to share the grades that they have allocated nor the ranking with students or parents. Any non-compliance with this request will have serious repercussions for the school and potentially the student. Please do contact me if you would like more information about this

Finally, please remember that HT staff are still here to support all Year 10 students over the coming weeks and we will continue to keep in contact throughout this difficult time. If any student has questions, worries or are unsure about the work they need to do, please contact their class teacher, Mr Barrett, Mrs Amatruda or myself.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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