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Dear Families

## Update on Public Exams this summer

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, made a statement to Parliament yesterday. His statement can be read in full here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-statement-to-parliament-on-national-lockdown>

He stated that students will not sit GCSE, AS and A-Level exams this summer. There will now be a government consultation on how to fairly award all students with a grade to ensure they can progress to the next stage of their lives. A form of teacher-assessed grades will replace exams, with training and support provided to schools to ensure these are awarded fairly and consistently.

As already communicated, we are continuing with our vocational exams throughout January and February. Our students have worked hard to prepare for these exams, and they deserve to be able to sit these exams. Full details were sent to students and parents about vocational exams yesterday which I hope you have received and read.

**All Year 11, 12 and 13 students must continue to join their remote live lessons on Microsoft Teams whilst school is currently closed until February half-term. We do not yet know the process for how teacher-assessed grades will be generated or when students are most likely to return to face-to-face teaching in school. We recognise this is a very difficult time for students, families and teachers and we will continue to support you fully and provide further updates as information becomes available to us.**

With best wishes

Yours faithfully



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