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Dear Year 11 Parent/Guardian

Thank you for your ongoing support during this uncertain and challenging time. Hopefully, you have found it useful to have communication with your child's Form Tutor: we believe that by parents and teachers working together we can best encourage our young people to achieve their best results.

Your child is studying a range of subjects with different types of assessment arrangements, for example, GCSEs, BTECs and others. While examinations are the usual method of assessing GCSEs, courses such as OCN subjects which require folders of work to be presented will still ask for this so I urge you to encourage your child to do the work set and submit it for teacher feedback so successful outcomes will be possible.

For some Year 11 students, GCSE examinations due to be taken in the summer will not now be available and will most likely be taken in Year 12 instead.

In the meantime, we must continue together to point the students towards realising their potential, making sure that they work hard and complete the tasks set for all courses. By now, all problems concerning access to devices and Google Classroom should have been resolved but if there are still issues please contact the College to get support.

Google Classroom allows students to access their work, ask their teachers questions and receive feedback and advice. All students should log on daily as the work there is essential for examinations and assessments in all courses. This also includes Occupational Studies courses undertaken at SERC which can be accessed online.

For all students, we are obliged to have evidence that they are working at home so we can mark them present on the official register. Just as physical attendance at school is monitored and absences followed up, so we have to record work done at home before we can mark students present and Form Tutors will continue to make contact when students do not submit work.

We now know that students will be working on Google Classroom at least until 8 March so please ensure that your child is accessing Maths and English lessons every day as well as the work for their other subjects.

Despite the challenges, we know that our students can still achieve well if they continue to work hard and engage with their teachers. The weekly bulletin will keep you up to date with information and advice and the usual channels of communication can be used if you have any queries.

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