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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with regret that I am sending you a letter so soon after the last, but it is important I clarify the news that many of you will be aware of. On 6 January 2021 the Government announced that GCSE and A level examinations this summer will be cancelled. We await clarification on BTEC qualifications. The announcement outlined that the students would be awarded *teacher assessed grades* for each of their qualifications.

I want to reinforce what we shared in the letter of 05.01.21 that we will do everything we can to ensure no student at Chace is disadvantaged by the cancellation of exams.

What is now imperative is that students continue to attend all online lessons and face to face lessons when they return to school. Teachers will be gathering important assessment data over the coming months to calculate their teacher assessed grades. The effort that students put into their education at this stage is more important than ever and we will support them fully through this time.

We appreciate that Year 11 may be concerned that due to school closure they did not get to sit their PPE examinations. Ms Brown, Year 11 Head of Learning, and Mr Greig, Key Stage 4 Standards Leader, are currently looking at alternative ways to gather assessment information for each student including the possibility of conducting the PPE examinations when students return to school. Further information will be shared when we have it.

Ms Brown and I also wanted to write to you all firstly to say how immensely proud we are of the students and how they have dealt with the situation that we now find ourselves in. The resilience and determination shown by the young people has been astounding. Secondly we would like to say thank you to you all for your support and kind words as they make the world of difference. I know we all share the same goal of ensuring that these young people succeed and go on to become successful in whatever it is they choose to do next.

Due to the postponement of the PPEs until we return to school students should use this time to complete extra revision and prepare themselves for these upcoming assessments. Attending online lessons is very important as these lessons will have an exam focus but also will allow teachers to gather evidence which will be used to produce teacher assessed grades for each subject. Students must attend all of their lessons and follow their normal timetable. It is also important that the students complete all tasks set by teachers. The students now have access to GCSEPOD and can use this to help with revision. There are many other revision resources available to the students for example Seneca for Science and MFL. Students are encouraged to contact their teachers if they need help accessing these revision resources.



Please share these top tips for remote learning with your child:

Top tips for remote learning

1. Get up, have a shower, get dressed and have breakfast before the lesson.
2. Try and log on early in case you encounter any problems.
3. If possible complete your lessons in a quiet environment.
4. Turn off your phone (or notifications), TVs and music to allow yourself to focus.
5. Contribute to the lessons - so your teachers know you are engaged.
6. Take breaks (when scheduled) and get some fresh air.
7. Complete the work in the lesson time so you do not fall behind.
8. Ask for help when you need it- email your teacher if you do not want to put it in the chat.
9. If you do experience problems, try and email your teacher or message a friend to inform your teacher.
10. If you miss a lesson watch the videos back and complete the work.

Although we do not know what the future holds, we are so proud of the young adults that the students have become. The improvement and dedication they have made throughout the years is immeasurable and I know that they will continue to grow during this difficult time. If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact Miss Brown or your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely



Tanya Douglas
Acting Headteacher



Ms Brown
Head of Year 11