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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 13

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.

Ms Christodoulou and I are so sorry that students' education has been disrupted yet again. Ms Christodoulou was in touch with them all at the start of the week and they seem to have made a brilliant start to online lessons. We thank you in advance for your support in our delivery of their online learning and would like to remind/inform you of the following:

- Students should be following their normal timetable of google meet lessons which they can access via google classroom. Lesson 1 begins at 8.30 and we strongly encourage students to be up and ready for the day by this time, whether or not they have morning lessons
- From Monday 11th January, students must also attend a 10 minute virtual form time on Mondays and Fridays at 2.40pm with their form tutor
- From Monday 18th January, students will also be expected to attend their Key Skills lesson as normal. The focus of this term's Key Skills is to prepare them for life beyond school with topics that include managing finances as well as looking after health, safety and well-being
- Students should be checking their google classrooms and emails regularly for messages and updates
- Students working on non-examined assessments must ensure that they continue to complete these to the best of their ability and that deadlines are met

We appreciate what a stressful time this is for our Year 13 students, particularly now with the announcement that examinations will not be going ahead as normal. We are fully committed to completing the delivery of their courses and will be putting in place a number of assessments in order to support the collation of centre assessed grades. It is therefore absolutely vital that students maintain their attendance to lessons and we will do everything we can to support their motivation, learning and well-being during this difficult time.



We are also committed to ensuring they are fully prepared for their next steps. For students who will now begin to look for jobs/apprenticeships, there will be support provided for them in Key Skills lessons as well as provision for students who will be applying for student loans. Ms Findlay and Ms Christodoulou are happy to answer any questions you or students may have about either of these areas.

We very much look forward to students' return to school as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, tutors will be keeping in touch with students via well-being phone calls. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Christodoulou or a member of the Sixth Form team if you have any concerns or questions.

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Yours sincerely



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