

8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. Again, we find ourselves in a period of remote learning and uncertainty surrounding the awarding of A level/BTEC grades. Following the announcement this week of another national lockdown I wanted to keep you updated with how we are supporting you and your child at this difficult time.

You will have heard the news that exams this year will not go ahead in their current format and teacher assessment will be used. This announcement will have created huge uncertainty for students, and I am afraid that at the current time we have no further information on this. We are expecting more detail concerning this over the next few weeks and we will ensure that we communicate this with you as soon as we are able to. It is crucial that at this time students keep focused and continue working hard in all online lessons and assessments. We were planning to hold a parent/carer evening in the coming weeks but due to the changing situation we will be postponing this until we know more about the process for awarding grades.

All students will be provided with online lessons and with work set and tasks to complete. It is so important that we fully engage in these lessons and in the work set as we need to ensure that your child's learning is as little affected as possible. Students will also have PT and PPD time on Fridays with their teacher to have a welfare and progress check this week. Next week the Year 12 students will continue their next module of the Careers programme on Wednesday from 2pm with the University of Kent. Year 13 students will still have academic mentoring on a Wednesday afternoon as well.

At this time, the Mock exams that were planned for this term will not be going ahead as students will not be in school. If they are rescheduled, we will let your child know as soon as we have made this decision. This decision will be based on when the lockdown is eased, and students return to school. It will also depend upon the guidance schools are given relating to awarding this summer's grades on 'teacher assessments'.

We will continue to communicate regularly with you but please contact us whenever you need us as we are here to help. When we hear more information regarding exams etc, we will let you know.

If your child is having any IT difficulties, they should email ibar@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk ibar@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk.

As always please contact me michellemarshall@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to welcoming our Sixth Form students back when the time comes.

Best wishes

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Assistant Principal