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Dear Year 11 Students

As we eagerly await the GCSE later this week I wanted to write to all of you to ensure you know where to access the arrangements for Thursday. I was also keen to reassure you that we are working hard to make the day as stress free and positive as it can be. I know there is a lot in the press at the moment about A level results and I wanted to assure you that, whatever next week brings, we are ready to address it.

I must start by re-expressing my sorrow for the way your time at Langtree finished. After most of you had been at the school for 4½ years and have given so much to Langtree during that time it is incredibly sad that we were not able to celebrate all your achievements in the way you all deserved. Please be assured that as soon as the virus has passed we will be holding as many of these traditional events as we can (and you want). Indeed if there are other social occasions that you would like us to arrange please let us know.

I know Mr Nonweiler has already written to you all about the arrangements for next week. Everything you need to know about the day is on the relevant page of the Langtree website, including the process for appeals and how the results have been estimated and moderated. All this essential information can be found [here](#).

Please be aware that, with the current situation, there may be a great deal of confusion next week both for individuals, possibly across the year group and, almost certainly, nationally. We have prepared thoroughly and are as ready as we can be. However, please be patient with us if we cannot resolve any results queries on the day. Exam boards are possibly going to be overwhelmed and therefore we will be asking you to email in any queries for us to deal with and respond to over the subsequent days.

Furthermore, I wanted to reassure all Langtree students that whatever results you are presented with next week we will celebrate with you and support you to access whatever your chosen destination is next month. Even in more conventional times many successful people do not get the exam results they want and still go on to achieve their ambitions. Given the context globally, even if your results are not what you want, all sixth forms, colleges and other post 16 destinations will be very much aware of the situation and therefore possibly more understanding of any underachievement.

There is an independent helpline operated by the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 for information on appeals and options for your next steps. We will support you if you wish to lodge an appeal or if you want to improve your grades by taking an exam in the autumn.

I am looking forward to seeing you again next week and remind you again that if you are not able to be here in person that you go through the correct procedures to ensure someone else can collect your results. All of these are explained on [these pages of the school website](#).

Warmest Regards

Simon Bamford