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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you and provide you with some further guidance to support you and your child at home over the coming months. On Friday the Government provided some further guidance on GCSEs, following the cancellation of the exams in May/June. This can be found by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

You will be aware GCSE examinations have been cancelled this year and your child will not sit any examinations this summer. What is not clear at this present time is how GCSE grades will be determined and we are waiting further clarification from Government. I appreciate how disappointing and frustrating this uncertain situation is, and I will update you as soon as Government releases more detail on how grades will be awarded.

For now if your child has any outstanding Non Examined Assessment/Coursework I strongly recommend that this is completed before Friday 3rd April.

The Government have not issued confirmation, but it is likely that students' NEA/Coursework will form part of the assessment process this year.

Until we know either way it would be in your child's best interests to complete any outstanding NEA as soon as possible.

This should be completed online and submitted via google classrooms or email (using your child's school email) to your child's subject teacher.

If your child has any questions regarding their NEA they should also contact their subject teacher who will be able to respond.

It is vital that students continue to keep up their learning habits and take the opportunity to embed their Key Stage 4 learning. I recommend students continue to work at home to keep their brains engaged and active to support their learning and prepare them for post 16 education and the future.

This could include the following:

- Complete any outstanding NEA/Coursework by Friday 3rd April and submit to subject teacher via email
- Prepare for Post 16 Education by continuing to revise / review Year 10/11 learning if they are continuing to studying this subject in September
- Prepare for Post 16 Education by downloading the subject specification / course outline and research some of the topics
- Read daily for at least an hour. This could be subject related or fiction. The English team will post appropriate texts on ClassCharts
- Continue to revise/review Maths especially topics that are related to everyday life (use Hegarty Maths) and practising everyday numeracy.
- Undertake a project in a subject and topic of their choice. Ideas will be posted on ClassCharts by each subject.
- Complete the careers action plan which will be posted on ClassCharts, this would include completing a CV etc.

Students were asked to take all of their exercise books and revision materials home with them on Friday therefore should have all they need.

Staff have also provided some extra work on ClassCharts to support home learning. Students can also use online resources to support their learning (eg. BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning).

I hope this information is useful to you in helping you to support your child with their learning at this unexpected and unprecedented time. We will continue to look at appropriate learning opportunities for our Year 11, and will update you on this and any other related information as and when we have it.

Many thanks,

Martyn Dudley

Deputy Head