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Dear Year 11

I hope this finds you all well and coping in these strange and uncertain times. Having a daughter who is in the same position as you I know how difficult it is. Some of the messages that have come out from the government have been confusing and I know that this has caused my daughter and ourselves some concern about what it will mean for her exam results. Therefore, I felt it was important to write to you to explain what I think you should be doing in terms of work and studying.

The letter I sent out earlier explained the way that your exam results will be calculated so this letter won't be about that. I think in many ways the situation has not changed massively from when I first wrote to you in March. The one major change from earlier information is that results day has returned to the original day so you will get your results on **Thursday 20th August**.

My advice is that you should do the following:

- Keep working hard on the work that has been set for you. It will be good for your own wellbeing and will ensure this time is productive. If you do no work from now until you go to College you will struggle to make a good start at College.
- Work especially hard on subjects where your tracking grades were below what you need. Your hard work will not go unnoticed and will not put you at a disadvantage when teachers are doing your predicted grades. We will confirm the date when predicted grades will be sent off to the exam board.
- The government has repeated their intention to hold exams as soon as possible in the Autumn term. This will be for students who aren't happy with the grades they get in August. If you think your grade is likely to be low because you have low tracking grades you need to work hard on those subjects. This will enable you to prepare well for the exams. If you don't work hard over this time you will have no chance of doing better in these exams. Remember that you will still have to study English and Maths GCSE at College if you score below a grade 4.
- You should also start to think about the subjects that you are going to study at College/Post 16 and start to prepare for them. We will be looking at providing as many of you as possible with bridging courses that will help you prepare for the next stage of your studies.

I know the whole situation is very challenging and can cause anxiety, but my advice is to keep going, keep being positive, be kind to your family and 'Shine brighter than you thought you could!'

If you do have any questions about anything please do get back to me.

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