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Dear Year 13

Well, here we are again in lockdown, not where we want to be but where we have to be in order to protect ourselves, our family and our community. We have been here before and you were all amazing and adapted to the change with a really positive attitude and we hope this continues during this lockdown.

As you will be aware from the announcement from the government and letters we have sent out, that summer exams will not go ahead as originally planned, but please be assured that the education minister is in meetings with OFQUAL, schools and exam boards to decide how best to allow students to show the knowledge and skills they have already gained and will continue to build upon during lockdown and for the rest of the school year.

Whatever system the government puts in place for your exams, they will want some strong evidence before awarding any grades. This evidence can only come from the work and assessments you have already completed and future work and assessments that you will be doing for the rest of the school year. For this reason alone you need to keep going, you have to fully engage with the online learning, attend the online lessons on your timetable and do your very best so you are not cheated out of what you rightfully deserve and we know you can achieve.

At this point in time it may seem reasonable to question the point in studying hard and engaging in learning but I would ask you take time to truly reflect on why you attend school. Your future dreams and ambitions should not change, you can still achieve what you want whether that be university, employment or an apprenticeship.

Let me remind you that we are in this together. We face this together, as one and will overcome this challenge to ensure your achievements are recognised and your future dreams remain.

Please speak to us, email us, stay in touch, we are here to support you. We can offer support to you via email, telephone or google meets and are happy to do this so please get in touch if you need us. [Post16@brookvalegroby.com](mailto:Post16@brookvalegroby.com)

So for now **keep attending your lessons online, keep working hard** and remember every piece of work or assessment you complete **will make a difference**.

Take care and stay safe.  
Kind Regards



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