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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware we have had a confirmed case of COVID 19 within Yr 11 and consequently had to isolate a number of students from this year group. This is hugely disappointing given that final assessments have commenced and I appreciate the anxiety that this will cause some of our students at this time. We are putting plans into place to ensure no students miss the opportunity to complete these assessments and they are done in the fairest way possible. We will communicate more details about this in due course.

What makes this latest case deeply saddening is the fact that it could have been avoided, had the current guidance in place been adhered to. The isolations are a direct consequence of a large gathering of Yr 11 students over the bank holiday weekend and this has now impacted on innocent students who have abided by the rules. Students who have followed the guidance are now isolating as a direct consequence of other students' selfish actions. As a school we have little control over what happens outside of school hours, but such actions undermine all the safety measures we have worked tirelessly to keep in place this past year.

Whilst we are fortunate to live in a country where the landscape around COVID-19 is improving, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and there is still guidance in place that we must all adhere to. Please could I urge all parents/carers to talk to their children about the importance of continuing to adhere to the guidance at this critical time and keeping the contacts they have to a minimum. In doing so we can hopefully get through this assessment window with no further disruptions and students will get the best chance possible in being awarded the grades they deserve.

It is crucial we continue to work together, to ensure the best educational experience possible for your children. As always thank you for your ongoing support through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Will Teece  
Headteacher