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Dear Students & Families

Year 11 Students Update

We have received a few queries regarding arrangements for year 11 students for term 6 and GCSE results. Please be rest assured that we have been collating all of the information needed in order to submit our GCSE teacher assessments over the last few weeks. In following Ofqual guidance we are unable to share these grades with you so please do not put staff in a difficult position by asking them for these because we are unable to do so. We have had sufficient information in school to collate these results and have not needed to ask for student exercise books in order to formulate our teacher assessments under the guidance issued to us. Teacher assessments will not necessarily be the final grade issued to students. Once submitted they will be subject to quality assurance and will be part of a national formula for ensuring parity and fairness to students and schools across the country. That formula will also include looking at students' end of key stage 2 results and expected performance trends.

We are very mindful that your end to year 11 came very abruptly- something that we would not ever have anticipated or would want to have happened. We will be organising a proper 'goodbye' which will either be run virtually or in school if social distancing measure and reduced sufficiently to enable us to that. Should things have been normal, students would have officially been going on study leave today and would have only been coming into school for support sessions and the examinations. We will therefore not be setting any further work for students after the May half term holiday and our keeping in touch phone calls to year 11 students and families will no longer be happening. Should you have any questions during term 6 please contact the school through the keepingintouch@highwealacademy.kent.sch.uk email address. If you need further guidance or support on post 16 provision or education, including taking advantage of direct entry to The Hayesbrook school sixth form, please contact Mr Dan Lloyd using the same email address.

Wishing you all the very best. Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

Lisa Barker
Head of School