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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to be able to address some of the specific issues that particularly relate to Year 11 at the moment and particular challenges they have faced recently. Despite these uncertain times, the students have been amazing in the recent mock exams. They have shown a maturity and resilience and we are hugely proud of them and Ms Morrison would like to say a special thank you for the wonderful memories this year group has created for her!

The government has announced that there will be no external examinations this summer and I know this will cause a lot of distress and disappointment for everyone. The students and staff have worked so hard together over the years and we know these next few months would have brought even greater success. We should all be reassured that the government has said that students will get the grades they deserve and there is a letter on the academy website that gives further information on how these grades will be awarded.

At some point in the future, life will return to normal and Year 11 students will move on to the next stage of their lives. We want them to be as well prepared for this as possible. Careers Inc will continue to help students with their applications to college and other Post 16 providers and they will be in contact with students to give further support. Even though there won't be exams this summer, students should use all the resources that are on Google Classroom. It is important that young people continue to grow and learn and be ready for their next phase of education and we have prepared all the resources to help them do this.

A lot of students have been asking about the Year 11 Prom. We have been in contact with the venue and following the advice of the government, The Royal Armouries in Leeds is closed to the public. As a result, the original Prom date of 25 June is postponed. When the venue is open again, we will look to make a reservation for the first available date, if this is at all possible. The students deserve a Prom, it is a special milestone in their lives and we will do all we can to make that happen for them. All the students who are eligible to go will be informed of the arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

In the same way that we don't want students to miss out on special occasions such as the Prom, we want to try and continue the other Year 11 traditions such as the Leavers' Hoodies and the Yearbook. If students would still like to order a 2020 Leavers Hoodie, please follow the link on the text message or contact Miss Woods c.woods@grange.outwood.com and pay on Scopay. We would still like to make a Yearbook for the Class of 2020 to commemorate the fantastic times they have had and the friends they have made at Outwood Grange. If you have any pictures from the last 5 years (trips, graduation, first day at school etc) and you would be happy for us to use them in the Yearbook, please email them to c.woods@grange.outwood.com. We will also add Prom pictures to the Yearbook, whenever that happens!

Thank you again for all your patience, understanding and support.

Yours faithfully



Brian Kelly
Principal