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Dear Students

I hope that you are all well and have had a restful weekend.

The government released some additional guidance about the cancellation of GCSE examinations on Friday evening. The information provided can be located by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

In summary:

- They will not be awarding students their predicted grades. Ofqual, (the independent qualifications regulator), will develop a fair and robust process that considers a broad range of evidence, including teacher assessment and prior attainment (e.g. mock exam results).
- They are hoping that provisional grades will be released at some point in July.
- Students will have the opportunity to appeal any decision that they feel is unfair.
- If, after an appeal, a student is not happy with the awarded grade they will have the opportunity to sit an exam as soon as possible after schools reopen.

It is due to the final point on this list that I strongly encourage you to continue to study during the school closure. We do not know when schools will re-open but if you are not happy with your awarded grade then this study time could be incredibly beneficial if you decide to take the option of taking the examinations.

Hope to see you all soon.

Yours faithfully

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