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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students,

As you will be aware the coronavirus has had a major impact on all aspects of society, including schools.

This letter provides an overview of examinations, sixth form offers and school closures.

1. Summer examinations

All examinations this summer have been cancelled.

Students will still be awarded GCSE and BTEC qualifications, but rather than using exam results, examination boards will use a range of other measures - prior attainment, mock results, teacher predictions and marks for coursework that has been completed - to calculate grades for each student in each subject.

In light of this, our teachers are submitting their predictions, based on the mock grades sent home in January, their knowledge of how each student has improved since then and coursework marks for work completed so far. Once this information has been collected and moderated, we will share this with you and your child, which will be before the start of the Easter holidays (3rd April).

We hope you and your child find it useful to see some of the components that we will be submitting to the exam boards this summer to help them calculate their grades.

It is worth noting, that when exam boards do this, they will take into account the past performance of schools. This means students attending a school like Codsall High,

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where Key Stage 4 results have been above average, will be awarded slightly higher grades than they would do in other schools.

2. Sixth Form offers

Once teachers have submitted their predictions (see 1) we will be contacting Year 11 students who applied for a place at Codsall Sixth Form to confirm the status of their offer. This will take place before the end of the Easter holidays (17th April).

3. School closures and work for students

It is important that all students continue to be academically active, so they are well prepared for their next steps.

3.1. Coursework

Some students will be asked to finish parts of their coursework in some subjects. If they are then we would strongly advise them to do so as coursework marks will be used by examination boards to calculate final grades. If this applies to your child, their teacher, using the school app EduLink, will tell them what needs to be done and by when - you will also receive a notification if you have downloaded the app as well by the middle of the Easter holidays (10th April).

For most subjects there won't be coursework to finish as it is either not used to assess the subject or their teachers already have enough evidence to award coursework grades. In these cases, students won't need to do anything further on their coursework. Again, their teacher will let them know using the school app.

3.2. Exam papers

Teachers will have recorded results from mock examinations and any other full examination papers students completed in exam conditions since then. This means students should not need to bring papers or other evidence into school.

In exceptional circumstances, a teacher may ask a student for further evidence. In these circumstances the student concerned will be contacted using EduLink by 10th April.

3.3. Bridging work for sixth form

We will be setting bridging work for all students who have applied to Codsall High Sixth Form using the school app by 24th April. This will help students make a great start to their sixth form courses as they will have continued studying their chosen subjects rather than experiencing a gap in learning. It will also mean our students are ahead when they start in September, which will help that tackle whatever lies ahead.

3.4. English and Maths

For students whose teachers are predicting they will get below Grade 4 in English and/or Maths, work will be set for these important subjects using EduLink by 10th

April. This is to make sure students do not have a break in learning, and instead, help them to reach Grade 4 or above when they join Codsall Sixth Form or college.

Shown below is a summary of the key dates, which are also on the school calendar:

- 3rd April - Teacher predictions and marks for coursework sent by text.
- 10th April - Work for English and Maths for students predicted to be below Grade 4; coursework tasks to finish or further evidence in exceptional circumstances requested using EduLink.
- 17th April - Sixth Form places confirmed through letter, sent by text.
- 24th April - Bridging work for sixth form courses set on EduLink.

I hope you have found this overview of examinations, sixth form offers and school closures to be useful.

If you have further questions about this information, please email me at options@ch-pb.com.

Over the coming weeks, as further information becomes available, I will, of course, keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Robinson', written over a light blue circular stamp.

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