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Incorporating: Codsall Community High School, Bilbrook CE Middle School & Perton Middle School
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24th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 13 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, university offers and work to complete during school closures.

1. Summer examinations

All examinations this summer have been cancelled.

Students will still be awarded A Level, BTEC and GCSE retake 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 5 results have been above average, will be awarded slightly higher grades than they would do in other schools.

2. University offers

Guidance from the Department for Education states:

"The calculated grades awarded will be formal grades, with the same status as grades awarded in any other year. University representatives have already confirmed that they expect universities to be flexible and do all they can to support students and ensure they can progress to higher education."

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 BTEC and A Level subjects. If they are, we would strongly advise them to do so, as coursework marks will be used by examination boards to calculate final grades. If this applies, teachers will tell your child what needs to be finished and by when using the school app (EduLink) - 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 teachers already have enough evidence to award coursework grades. In these cases, students won't need to do anything further on their coursework. Again, teachers will let your child 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.

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 - Coursework tasks set for students with work to finish using EduLink

I hope you have found this overview of examinations, university offers and work to complete during school closures to be useful.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Robinson
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