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Dear Year 11 and Parents,

I realise how deeply unsettling yesterday's announcement will have been for you all, as it is for us, and we know that many will feel very upset that all the hard work you have been putting in over recent months and years has all been thrown into considerable doubt. We feel this very strongly too, but will be doing everything we can to ensure that you gain the qualifications that you deserve.

Regarding the next couple of days, we want to ensure that we are able to give you as much reassurance as we can about the next steps and how we will support you through it. Although this moment may mark a premature end to your compulsory schooling in some ways, we will still be with you in every way that we can over coming months to support you to your next steps. I am sure you will have many questions about how exams will be replaced and how grades will be allocated; until we hear more from the government on this we just don't know. Teachers will be putting together an up-to-date data drop next week which will give us a realistic predicted grade, but this is merely a back-up precaution.

In terms of leaving school, it is highly likely that tomorrow will be the last day for year 11 so in order to do this moment what justice we can, we will be holding a Year 11 assembly tomorrow during period 6. This will give you the opportunity to get shirts signed and say goodbye to fellow pupils and staff.

If anyone feels like they would like any more support over the coming days and weeks, please let us know. Staff will be on hand, as much as possible, should anyone need any support. We are unlikely to have any more 'answers' to the many questions you have and will, of course, update you on this tomorrow if we know more.

Whilst we remain here to support you at this difficult time, please also support each other – it has never been more important.

Regards

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