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"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

Re: Year 12 summer assessment 2020

I hope you are well and had a lovely half term.

Prior to half term, Miss Thomas informed you there will be an assessment period commencing on June 22nd. Ordinarily, at this time you would be completing your second set of Year twelve mocks. Given the current circumstances, it is not possible to undertake this at school, in the usual setting.

However, it is imperative that we gain an understanding of where you are at with your learning. This includes the knowledge, understanding and skills you have gained over the past academic year. Whilst we appreciate the varying challenges some of you have faced with adapting your learning habits to complete the distance learning; we need to assess your strengths and weaknesses in order to plan and support you with your learning moving forward. The current government guidance indicates that A Levels will go ahead as normal next year. Therefore, we need to ensure you are supported and prepared for this. These assessments will form part of this planning process as we will work and adapt our strategy with the updated guidance from the Department For Education (DfE).

How will the assessment period work?

The assessment period will commence on the 22nd June. For the next two weeks, your distance learning will be focused on revision and preparation for these assessments. This should help guide you with your revision, however you must complete your individual revision in addition to these sessions to ensure you feel fully prepared. I have attached a copy of the assessment timetable. The exam will be sent to your email, ten minutes prior to the start time of the assessment. This should ensure you have time to open the document, download it or print it (if you are able to). At the end of the assessment, there will be a ten minute gap for you to save your work, photograph it and or email your teacher your assessment. The time within which the assessment needs to be returned will be indicated on the timetable.

Art A Level

A level Art students have been developing a body of practical work in response to the theme "Confines, Borders and Limitations" as their mock ESA. To conclude this project, students must present a personal and meaningful response that realises intentions and, where appropriate, makes connections between visual and other elements (AO4).

During 15 hours of sustained focus students will create their Final Outcome(s) responding to the theme, based on their preparatory studies.

This will take place over three days, during five-hour sessions. Students must work independently and send evidence of their progress to Ms. Roper at the end of each session. The art examination is included on the timetable.

What will these assessments be used for?

Due to the unconventional setting of these assessments and the time away from school, we understand the apprehension you may have about these exams. However, it is crucial that we have an understanding of where you

are in order to move forward. If and when we are able to, we aim to provide an additional assessment period within traditional settings. However, these assessments, along with your January mocks and any further assessments we are able to provide will form a holistic understanding of what you are likely to achieve next year. It is important to note that we will continue to work with the DfE to ensure that any amendments made to the examination period will be reflected in our assessment of your likely outcomes.

How will this impact my UCAS application?

At this stage, you will have drawn up a short list of the courses you would like to study and the associated universities. Consequently, you will have a good understanding of the entry criteria that is needed. These assessments, along with your first set of mocks should help give you an indication of the suitability for the courses you have chosen and help us with informing your UCAS application.

If you have any concerns about the assessment period including accessibility to technology, please let me know so I can support you, prior to June 22nd. In addition, if you have any problems accessing an assessment, please email myself and Mrs Hutchinson immediately so we can support on the day.

I am confident you will find this a supportive and meaningful process to ensure you have consolidated your first year of learning and independent study skills, essential for successful outcomes at A Level and Higher Education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,



Miss Gershon
Head of Sixth Form