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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 and Year 13 Exam Information

This week, the Government is due to publish further details on how it plans to work with schools to calculate the expected grades this summer. Whilst we are all eagerly waiting for this information to be published, we are very much committed to ensuring that our students achieve the grades which best reflect the outcome they deserve.

I know many of you feel very frustrated and anxious about the current lack of information. Rest assured that your feelings are shared, and we too are awaiting greater clarity. Until then, I would urge you to refrain from putting your son/daughter under increased pressure to perform at a certain level when completing the home learning tasks. I would also urge you not to contact teachers directly and put them under pressure to provide extra work in order for your son/daughter to perform at a certain level.

Our view is that it is highly unlikely that work completed during the school closure will be taken into account. It is more likely that schools are expected to use key assessment points (end of Year exams, PPEs, end of Unit/Module tests), combined with historical accuracy of grades predictions. Schools may also be able to use previous performance of individual Departments at different points in the year, so we can factor in any expected jump in performance.

In other words, a multitude of factors will be used to calculate the grades we will be asked to submit.

Whilst we have been told there will be an appeals process, major exam boards said last week that the appeal will not be against the grade, but against the process by which that grade was submitted by the school. After we have been told more about how the Government want this grade calculated, we will communicate our processes even further.

I know that this is a very difficult time for you all, and especially for your sons/daughters in Years 11 and 13. I can only reassure you that all teachers at Cornwallis Academy have their best interests at heart, and we are all committed to getting them through this process.

Take care,

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