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Dear Parents/ Carers

Year 11 GCSE Grades and 6th Form Bridging Work

We hope that you and your family are continuing to keep well through these difficult times. We know that students in Year 11 will be feeling particularly disappointed and unsettled by not being able to sit their exams this summer in the usual way.

We are currently working to develop a process to fairly and equitably provide Centre Assessed Grades for students in line with the requests made by the Department for Educational (DfE) and Ofqual. These will then be benchmarked and moderated by exam boards who will issue GCSE grades in the summer on the original date of Thursday 20th August. This date will also be the date for 6th Form enrolment for those holding an offer for Nower Hill 6th Form.

As we have informed you in a previous letter, our Centre Assessed Grades will be based on a wide range of evidence and teachers' professional judgement based on our knowledge of the students. The DfE have been very clear that this should not be based on any work completed after the school closure, as this would put some students with less resources at a disadvantage. As a result of this, we have not been setting any additional GCSE work for Year 11 during the closure so far.

We are however aware that it would be beneficial for students to continue with some form of studying during the lock down. So, in order to make best use of the time Year 11 students now have, early next week we will be making 6th Form bridging work available on G Suite. This will provide general activities on managing the transition to post 16 study, as well as 15 hours of work for each subject your child intends to study next year in the 6th Form. This work will need to be completed before students enrol for 6th Form in the summer. We would encourage all students to complete bridging work for every subject they may be interested in studying in the 6th Form.

We are also in contact with the main colleges who have made offers to our students for courses from September and we also hope to provide bridging work for students going off to college next year.

We will be in touch early next week with more details regarding the bridging work.

Your sincerely

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