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Dear Year 11 and 13 Students and their Parents and Carers

This afternoon the Department for Education have released a press statement with some more details regarding your GCSE and A level examinations.

The statement informs us that the exam regulator, Ofqual and the exam boards are working on a method that will provide a calculated grade for you in each subject that is hoped will reflect your performance as fairly as possible. They are asking for teachers to submit a predicted grade and then exam boards will combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment such as key stage 2 SATs results, to provide a calculated grade. Their aim is to issue the calculated grades to you before the end of July. They have stated that these grades will be indistinguishable from those who sat exams in other years.

The statement also offers two other options to you if you are unhappy about the calculated grades the exam boards issue or if you still want to sit your exams. They have mentioned that there will be an option to sit exams at the earliest reasonable opportunity next academic year. You will also have the option to sit your exams in summer 2021. Therefore it is important that you continue to learn over these coming weeks as it will prepare you for your next stage of education.

The full press statement is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>.

You will know that we were planning on issuing the results from the recent Pre-Public Examinations to year 11 pupils and parents at the parents' evening which had been planned for Thursday. These will instead be issued by email next week with any further details we have received from the exam boards.

I hope this is of some reassurance to you all at this time. I know there will still be questions and please do email Miss Langley at j.langley@kingswolverhampton.co.uk if you have any concerns.

It has been a very unexpected and abrupt end to your year 11 and 13 years without the final assemblies, services, prom and celebrations at this time. There have been a lot of very different emotions today. Once we have got through the coming weeks, we will make arrangements so there will be a time to come together again as a whole year group with your teachers to celebrate.

Yours faithfully

James Ludlow
Principal