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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing at the end of a dramatic week in all our lives. Schools are now closed to all but a few children, who I am sure would rather be with their families in these uncertain times. We recognise their sacrifice which will enable their parents to support all of us in the coming days.

We have had an emotional day with laughter, tears and a pervading sense of disbelief.

The students were fantastic, and impressive, as they adapted to the new realities of this health crisis and how it is changing all of our lives.

Year 11 students experiencing an abrupt ending to their secondary education in school, joined with staff for a poignant leavers assembly. Self-isolating students and staff contributed remotely by video-link, our Head Boy gave a speech that I will long remember.

The government today announced some detail about how year 11 will be issued with their grades.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

I will communicate next week about how we will respond to this new information to support our year 11 students.

Students will start following their timetable online on Monday, lessons will be distributed by teachers in Google classroom.

We will communicate directly tomorrow to parents of students in school next week, giving details regarding arrangements for Monday.

School transport will run as normal on Monday for students on-site.

We have registered with Tesco to enable us to purchase vouchers that we can email to parents of free school meal children. We aim to send these emails as soon as possible next week.

Yours faithfully

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