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Dear Parent/Carer

We have all experienced huge changes to our daily routines over the past couple of weeks; parents/carers working from home, Year 11 students leaving school at very short notice and staff supporting learning remotely from home. We all hope that you are keeping safe and looking after each other. This letter contains important information regarding the awarding of GCSE grades and post 16 applications.

EXAM RESULTS:

For Year 11 students and families we now have some guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) about how GCSE grades will be awarded. The latest DfE guidance for schools (3rd April 2020) can be found through [this link](#).

We do know that GCSE examinations **WILL NOT** be taking place this summer. We will be working closely with the exam boards and the Department for Education (DfE) to ensure our students get the grades they deserve in their GCSEs and vocational subjects.

Please **DO NOT** contact teachers about any of the information that we are supplying to exam boards as we are not allowed to share this information. The final grade that a student is awarded for each subject may be different to the one awarded by teachers at the school.

The government advice also clearly states that students can expect their results on or before the normal results day but an exact date has not been set. As soon as we know more this will be communicated to you.

POST 16 APPLICATIONS:

It is highly advisable for all students to ensure that they are in touch with their chosen post-16 institution, whether that is Kirk Hallam Sixth Form, another sixth form, college or apprenticeship provider. It is important that you keep yourself informed about your place for September and any work or activities that you can be doing now to ensure that you are ready to start your course of study.

Kirk Hallam Sixth Form teachers are currently working on providing packs of work in all subjects for any student who is considering taking A levels in September. These will hopefully be ready soon after Easter and will enable you to continue some form of study to help ensure that this time out of the classroom doesn't affect your ability to confidently begin your studies.

It is essential that you have a course or apprenticeship organised for September. If you are not sure what you are going to do in September please contact school reception who will pass your name on and enable us to work with you to support you with applications for courses etc. In any case you will be contacted over the coming weeks by a member of staff from school to discuss post-16 destinations.

Please continue to keep safe and follow government guidelines to do so.

Yours sincerely

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