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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the process for awarding grades this year it is important that students understand their current performance. Further advice from the awarding bodies is to be cautious on current grades and allow for progress. The grades are based on previous evidence to date but allow for improvement with continued hard work. Today, students have been given their current grades in tutor time allowing teachers to discuss their grades and answer any questions about the process. Students have also filled out a proforma today on how they feel so we can follow up on potential concerns.

Appointments have been taking place over the last two weeks to speak to every year 11 student, answering questions and supporting them through their final terms of year 11 and beyond.

Students grades can now be viewed on Insight.

All students have been given supportive materials and a content list to support in revision. This content has been reduced to take the lockdown situations into account and to support students.

This process is very difficult, and we have listened to the student's experience. We have then adjusted the demands expected of the students to allow for a more manageable workload. We feel this is a considered approach with the student's wellbeing at the forefront, in conjunction with creating a robust system to award grades with several opportunities to succeed.

There is still plenty of time left to support students and we do not want to create extra pressure surrounding grades. Student should concentrate on what they need to do to secure or improve their grades.

Please let your child's tutor know if you are concerned about the mental wellbeing of your son or daughter during these final few months.

We continue to be impressed and proud of how the students have approached this turbulent year. We hope they will also have time in term 5 to enjoy being together at school and we hope to create opportunities for them to also celebrate the teamwork, personal achievements and learning which is not directly recognised in their grades. We are privileged to work with an awesome group of young people.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough'.

Andy Greenhough

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