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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students,

I trust that you are all keeping well and safe in these challenging times.

I am writing regarding the final updates and some key information, moving forward, for Year 11 and the processes involved, which we are looking into as a school in order to finalise your end of school arrangements. There will also be more communication from Mrs Bonner and myself as we go through the final weeks leading into summer so everyone is clear on what they need to know. If you do have any questions in the meantime however please email Mrs Browning or Mrs Bonner as usual on the following email addresses (LBrowning@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org and ABonner@kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org).

- **Lockers** – all lockers belonging to Year 11 students will be emptied, bagged and labelled and students will be contacted to arrange suitable collection times for the contents of their lockers at which point keys can be exchanged for deposits. More information about times and dates for this will be sent out in due course in line with government guidance.
- **Textbooks** – if your child has been issued with a loan textbook or subject specific equipment, at this point we would advise them to keep them or pass them onto a sibling, as we do not require these to be returned to school.
- **Prom** – this has sadly been postponed and we did not take the decision lightly, but you will appreciate how necessary this was in such a challenging and uncertain time. We are, however, looking at arranging a celebration evening at some point, dependant on government guidance and advice with regards to public gathering and the number of people permitted.
- **GCSE Results Day** – Year 11 results day is on the **20th of August 2020**. The organisation of this day will depend on the latest government guidance regarding social distancing and we will write to you nearer to the date to let you know how, where and when (time) that your child will need to collect their results.
- **GCSE Appeals procedure** – Ofqual has recently published information for schools and candidates on calculated GCSE grades and the grounds on which candidates can 'appeal' if they are disappointed with the grades received. In addition, Ofqual has also launched a consultation on the proposed autumn examination series. If you are interested in finding out more about the 'appeals' process or the Autumn series, then please have a look at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020#what-if-students-are-unhappy-with-their-calculated-grade>

- **Sixth Form** – In March, we published a range of transition packs for students transitioning into Sixth Form on a range of subjects. This resource is available for all year 11 students regardless of whether they are staying on into our own Sixth Form. We are planning on arranging induction to all Sixth Form Students as soon as possible in line with government guidance. In the meantime, if you have any admissions queries please email KAlexander@Kingswoodsecondaryacademy.org for further information.
- **Career Advice** – Any advice, help and support needed by any of our Year 11 students will be addressed Ian Doherty from Prospects at Ian.Doherty@Prospects.co.uk who can offer impartial careers advice and is known to many of our year 11 students and we welcome any questions or queries via the KSA enquiries email address.

I trust that this information is helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Browning or Mrs Bonner if you need any further clarification, support or information regarding Year 11.

Yours faithfully,



Michelle Newman
Principal
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