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Dear Year 11 students

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. This is a difficult time for everyone and it is important that we all do everything we can to make sure that this current lockdown is as short as possible. Well done to the vast majority of students who are engaging with the work being set on Teams – this is extremely important as the work you are doing now will have a direct impact on your final grades.

We understand that Year 11 students will have added concern about exam results and plans for your future. Please do not worry about this – the process of applying to sixth form, colleges and apprenticeships will continue, and your exam results will be based on teacher assessments. One thing is certain: you must keep working in all your subjects to make sure that you make as much progress as possible.

How will my GCSE grades be calculated?

The government has announced that your GCSE results will again be based on teacher assessments, but they have not yet published clear guidance on how teachers will do this. We will of course keep you updated. It is likely that teachers will use a range of evidence: assessments, mock exam results, classwork, homework, attitude to learning. **They will only be able to say you would have made good progress if you continue to work hard both at home, during this period of remote learning, and once we are back in school.**

Will there be mock exams at the end of February?

Not at the end of February, but yes, there will be another set of mock exams later in the year. The timing of these will depend on when we are able to get back to school. The results will form part of the evidence for making a teacher-assessed grade.

How much remote learning should I be doing each day?

You should be following your timetable as closely as possible and be doing at least 50 minutes of each subject on that day. You have English, maths and science every day so you should be doing at least 50 minutes of these subjects **every day**. Every student in Year 11 now has access to Teams via a laptop or tablet – if you do not, please contact Ms White or Mr Hussain at school immediately.

Next week you will be participating in some **live lessons** each week where you will be online with your teacher at the same time as the lesson on your timetable. Your teacher will be presenting new work and/or helping you with work – more information on this to follow.



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What should I be doing about my plans for September?

Please continue with your plans for September; if you have not already done so, you should start to look for and apply for places at sixth form, college, apprenticeships or training. Mr Ryan and Mr Grant will continue to contact students and find out how you are progressing.

I will contact you again should we find out any more on exam grades, and more information about remote learning will follow.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your teachers if you have any more questions.

All at BBEC send you our very best wishes. Take good care of yourselves.

Yours sincerely



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