Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Sixth Form Students and Parents/Carers,

Following the government announcements last night, you will know that the Academy 6th Form closed to students (not sitting the January scheduled examinations) until February half-term. You may also have seen that the summer examinations will not now go ahead as planned.

The decision on how students will be assessed and how grades will be awarded to students has not yet been communicated to schools and colleges by the government or Ofqual. As soon as we have information on this, we will make sure that this is shared with you.

Remote learning is available for Year 13 from 5th January and Year 12 students on Thursday 7th January. All students sitting January examinations are now on remote learning from home and attending the odd revision lesson in the Academy. It is imperative that students use MS Teams to access lessons with their teachers. This is important to build up evidence to underpin you final grades, whether they are internally or externally assessed. This type of information was used to support the centre assessed grades for last year’s A-level and BTEC students. Hence, **all** students must continue their learning and keep up to date with the tasks set for them.

For year 13 students completing UCAS applications, the internal deadline for this is **Monday 11th January**. This allows a short period of time for your reference to be completed and added to your application and it is then sent by the Academy to UCAS. I have spoken to many Year 13 applicants over the past day and given you support to complete different sections. Please contact me using my email address below if you need some further help.

I am sure that the latest announcement will make many of you feel anxious and this is very understandable. Please be assured that the Sixth form staff are here to support you through this period of time and you can contact us using the following email addresses:

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I will be in touch to provide regular updates.

Your sincerely,

Catherine Cain

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