



April 21st 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Year 11,

I hope this email finds you and yours safe and well.

Shortly before the Easter break, we sent details to you of the Governments' proposals for awarding qualifications to students in Years 11 and 13. I hope you found that information useful. As you will be aware, schools have been explicitly directed not to request any further work from students to contribute to their grades this year. We do know however that students will be given the chance to take examinations next academic year should they choose to do so or if they need to improve their final grades, so we have made sure there are resources available for your child if they do wish to continue with their Year 11 studies.

For those students who will be staying on to study A'levels, or progressing on to sixth form college, we have also provided bridging units and I hope these are proving useful: it is certainly important that this period of time is put to good use in preparation for the demands of sixth form and we will be in touch over the coming weeks to help with further preparation.

When we went through the very sudden and strange process of closing the school, I spoke to Year 11 and promised them that we will have a proper celebration of the ending of their 5 year journey with us, when the time is right. Unfortunately, as things stand, I have had to take the decision that both the Prom and the planned Prefects Trip are cancelled: I simply do not think we will be able to go ahead with such large social gatherings and rather than wait and see, I think it best to make the position clear now, even though I know how disappointing this will be for you all. We are going ahead with Yearbook and Year 11 Hoodies : the deadline for payment for Hoodies will be Friday 8th May. If you have any worries or queries regarding payment, please contact the finance department on 0121 453 1778, option 4.

I have emailed students in Year 11 separately to tell them the news regarding the Prom. My promise of a proper celebration still holds – we don't yet know what or when, but I can assure you all that it will be a very special celebration indeed!

In the meantime, all of the staff here at Colmers wish you and yours the very best during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any further concerns or queries.

With very best wishes

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