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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11s

Following the announcement from the Department of Education regarding the awarding of exam qualifications this year, I am well aware that our Year 11 children and their parents and carers will be feeling particularly anxious. The full details of that announcement can be seen in the link below and I have provided a brief summary of our interpretation of the situation at present.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

We are yet to see the detail behind this announcement, but our initial interpretation is that as a school we will be required to use mock examinations and non-examination assessments to form a teacher prediction for every child in every subject. While we await further clarification we are encouraging all children to continue with their non-examination assessment work and submit any completed work to their class teachers. For exam based subjects we are likely to form teacher predictions from assessments that have already taken place. With the option of sitting exams next year to improve upon their teacher predictions and to ensure they are fully prepared for college we are encouraging all children to continue with their studies. We recognise recent events will have affected children in different ways so as parents and carers we are asking you to judge the appropriate level of work for your child.

I am asking parents, carers and children not to contact the school or individual teachers at this stage about individual circumstances on the awarding of grades. Once we have further guidance from the exam boards we will undertake a rigorous whole school approach to providing the data they need. Until we have that guidance we regret that we are unable to share any data with parents and children nor can we discuss arrangements being made in school. For this reason, we are also not able to share any predictions (beyond what we have previously shared in reports) with parents, carers or children.

Please be assured that Reigate School will do everything we can to make sure that the grades awarded to our children accurately reflect their hard work and effort. We will continue supporting your child and our teachers can be contacted via Show My Homework if you require any subject specific support. We are currently liaising with Reigate College and East Surrey College to work on additional resources to help prepare children for their next steps in education.

We will be in contact when we receive further guidance on how teacher predictions will be assigned, in the meantime please continue to encourage your children to complete the work set by their class teachers to the best of their abilities.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Alexander
Head of School