



Dear Year 11 Students and Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that, had it not been for the current situation faced by the country, you would now be into the GCSE examination period. Hopefully this letter finds you well and provides you with some updates on what is planned for the future months and the work going on behind the scenes to ensure everything we do prioritises your safety and that of staff.

Ongoing support

Despite school not being open to the majority of students, your teachers will still be setting you work via Class Charts. It is important that you are still accessing and attempting some of this work. This meaningful engagement is there to help you to prepare for your next steps. Those of you that have made applications for sixth form will be advised on work to do in preparation for those courses. Those of you that have applied for college are advised to contact the college and ask what you should be doing during this time to prepare. It is important that you still revise the content you have been studying even though you haven't got exams – you will still need all that knowledge for your future. Your form tutors would love to hear from you even if just once a week to discuss how things are going.

Remember, the school is currently open for children with additional learning needs, those who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are key workers. We know that the majority of you will be trusted to stay at home even if your parents/carers are working but it does mean that there is always someone on site should you have any questions or need any advice or support.

Year 11 GCSE Results Day

Year 11 GCSE results day is an important milestone for students, parents and teachers. The Department for Education has confirmed that pupils will receive GCSE results on 20 August 2020. This is the same date that results would have been distributed had this year's exams not been cancelled. GCSE results will be available for collection from 9.00 am on Thursday 20 August 2020. If you are unable to collect these in person, you can arrange for a family member to collect them on your behalf provided that a letter of authorisation is produced. Alternatively, a small stamped addressed envelope can be handed into reception prior to the end of the summer term. Please ensure that the top left-hand corner is marked 'GCSE results'. These will then be posted home. Please do not post envelopes to school for this purpose during the summer holiday, as the post is not delivered to school during this time.

Further correspondence from Mrs C Burton (Head of 6th Form) will be posted out in due course relating to information for those going on to study within the Tupton Hall School 6th Form. On results day a careers advisor will be on hand to provide information, support and guidance. Also towards the end of this letter you will find the contact details for Mr David Holloway, our Careers Advisor who can be contacted directly for further support.

Year 11 Prom 2020

Sadly, in light of the national situation, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the Year 11 Prom. This decision had to be taken in response to the ongoing Coronavirus situation and in the light of government advice to avoid close social interactions. We know this will be very disappointing for everyone concerned but we find ourselves in an unprecedented situation. As stated earlier, the safety and welfare of our students and staff is of paramount importance and this has forced us into making this very difficult



decision. We hope we can **move the date of the Prom to 2021** when social distancing rules may have been relaxed allowing us to hold a celebration and reunion for the class of 2020. More information will be shared with you regarding this as soon as confirmed plans are in place.

We are also hopeful that we will be able to have a celebration of results evening, if social distancing allows, nearer to Christmas at school. Therefore, please save the date of **Wednesday 2 December 2020** in your diary for the GCSE Celebration Evening.

Leavers Hoodies

Prior to school closure we were preparing the process for those of you who would like to order a 'Leavers Hoody'. A message will be issued via Class Charts to the whole of Year 11 to assess whether there is sufficient interest before we place an order. Unfortunately we won't be in a position for you to try on hoodies for sizing purposes but order forms will have a sizing chart in order to help you make the correct choice.

In these strange and often difficult times it is vital that we talk and stay in contact with each other. With that in mind please do not hesitate to contact us at school. The email addresses below are for the staff who may be most relevant at the present time:

Mr C Sinclair: c.sinclair@tuptonhall.org.uk general Year 11 support and enquires

Mrs C Burton: c.burton@tuptonhall.org.uk Sixth Form enquires and support

Mr D Holloway: info@davidhollowaycareers.com Careers Advice support

There is not a day that passes that we do not think about you all and the journey we have been on together. Everything you have learnt here has shaped the wonderful adults you have become. We don't just teach you to get your grades, we teach you because we want you to be the best you can be.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Sinclair
Assistant Headteacher