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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to let you know about our plans for the upcoming internal exams, which would have taken place in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 had school been open as usual. We appreciate that students will be worried about them and we want them to know what to expect and prepare for. As you know, the national situation is very uncertain at the moment and we do not know when schools will start to reopen, therefore we cannot say at this stage whether students will still be at home immediately after half term. If students are back in school by this point (and I must stress that we have no information to make us think they will be), we do not want to welcome them by going straight into exams, but to prioritise time with their teachers in lessons. Therefore we have made the following decisions:

- Years 7, 8 and 9: Internal exams for this academic year have been cancelled, because so much face-to-face learning time has been missed. Lessons during the week beginning 1st June will be as normal as possible. If students are still at home, work will be set via Google Classroom as has been standard practice since we moved to remote learning. If they are back in school, we will teach them as well as we can within any parameters set by the government to ensure social distancing.
- Year 10: We think there is value in holding formal assessments, because they will provide students with exam practice, enable teachers to judge how well students have grasped what they need to learn, and help teachers to plan future lessons to address any gaps and misconceptions. However, given the uncertainty about when students return to school, they will not take place as scheduled in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June. We may rearrange them later in the term to take place either in school or remotely when we have more information from the government about how soon lockdown restrictions will be lifted.

I am sorry that we cannot give more definite information about Year 10 internal exams at this stage, but I hope you understand that we are trying to act in students' best interests in very uncertain times. Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

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Deputy Headteacher





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