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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 and Year 13

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you our next steps as regards assessment for Year 11 and Year 13. We are due to receive more information from the examination boards and Ofqual during the Easter holidays, so I will ensure I write with an update at the start of next term once we know more.

When students return after Easter, there will be a two-week period of normal teaching, assessment and revision. From Monday 26 April, a more formal assessment period will begin until the end of May. During this time, Year 11 and Year 13 students will be completing a number of assessed tasks towards their final grades. All tasks could contribute to their portfolio of evidence and could be counted towards their final GCSE and A Level grades. Attendance has been good so far, but after Easter attending school every day and working hard in all lessons will be critical to ensure students are able to demonstrate what they are capable of.

It is our expectation that students use their time over the Easter holidays to prepare for this important period of their education. Students have been given broad revision topics by their teachers for each of their subjects, along with some tasks to complete over this period. There are some tips and techniques for revision, including making a revision timetable, on Firefly / Resources / Revision. It is important to have time off too, so a balance of short, regular periods of revision with breaks for rest or exercise is a good idea.

I know that the past year has been a difficult and uncertain time for Year 11 and Year 13. However, I would like to reassure you that our teaching staff are working hard to make sure our students are well-prepared for the assessed work they will need to complete for their portfolios. I know that the vast majority of our Year 11 and Year 13 students have worked hard throughout, despite the challenges they have faced and we look forward to celebrating their achievements with them in August.

We will be in touch again after Easter with further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Walmsley'.

Mrs C Walmsley
Principal

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Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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