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Dear parents and carers,

Following the government announcement yesterday to close schools, there has been little time for us to plan ahead, however I would like to provide some information regarding the arrangements for the remainder of the school week.

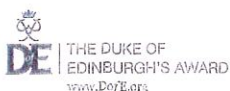
Our year 13 students will be finishing their studies with us from tomorrow. As key members of our school community, we will be celebrating their time with us in a short service followed by a lunch and celebration.

Year 11 will also complete their GCSE studies tomorrow, though we look forward to welcoming the majority of those students back into our sixth form. Again we will celebrate their successes with a service, lunch and celebration.

For both of those year groups, it is an uncertain time with a very sudden change to their future plans. We ask you to think about them and pray for their future success as they move on to further studies, university, college and employment. Along with other schools and colleges, we await further information on how grades will be awarded. Today, I have asked all students in year 11 and 13 to return mock papers and assessments (NOT books or revision) this may help us to inform decisions on grading. I will write again when I have further clarity; from JCQ.

For those students in years 10 and 12 who have started their A Level and GCSE studies, this is also a time of uncertainty. They are worried about time away from school and how this will impact on the examinations they will take next year. We will be setting regular work for all students, with a particular emphasis on those year groups who will imminently face external assessments. Where possible we will try to provide paper copies of work, initially for year 10 and 12 students.

We will be trying to assist in the provision of education and care for those students who may be classed as vulnerable or who have parents classed as key workers. In order to ensure that all those students are looked after effectively, we will be asking for parents and carers to provide us with some information about their work.



As I am sure you can appreciate, the staff this week have spent a lot of time behind the scenes planning to support the welfare of all our students. I can assure you that the physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of the students is as critical to us as the academic progress of every individual. Therefore, I have spoken to all students today giving three key messages:

Stay Calm - think sensibly at a difficult time, be logical in our thoughts and have faith in science and God.

Stay Focussed - a routine will help us to get through the weeks and months ahead, read, exercise and complete work.

Stay Safe - online, in health and in emotional wellbeing.

I will write further tomorrow when I hope to give more clarity over forthcoming arrangements.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'C. Madeloso', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs C Madeloso