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Dear Families of Year 11

You will have heard this week that GCSE examinations will not go ahead this year. We want to reassure you that it is only the exams that will not take place – something which we had anticipated. Be confident that students will be awarded qualifications, they will be able to progress to the next stage of their education and the system will be fair and open to appeal.

This week's announcement was obviously driven by urgency – the need to act quickly to an unprecedented situation. As such, more detail will follow. Please trust that we will work with the Department for Education to ensure all our students receive fair recognition for their hard work.

We would encourage all students to continue focusing on the work and revision provided at least until there is clarity around how qualifications will be awarded. I am sure that like myself there is a huge sense of loss, we are very proud of our year 11 students and all the hard work they have done over the previous 5 years. We will look to arrange an event to celebrate their achievements once things return to normal, we need to make sure we give this year group the proper send-off they deserve.

As always at Dixons Kings, we are a team and we will get through this, together with the support of our families, and we will be in touch with you regularly throughout this time. The most efficient form of contact is likely to be email but please also be aware that you may receive calls from academy staff on 'no caller ID' numbers and, if you need to speak to someone, it is unlikely that the main academy number will be staffed. Instead, please email info@dixonska.com

To support home learning we have issued all students with an email address and password to access Microsoft 365. If your child attended on Thursday this week, they will have received this in form time. If your child was absent it will be posted home and you should receive it early next week. Please read the enclosed information and log into your emails for further guides.

If you have not received your log in details or you have a password reset request please email the info@dixonska.com

Look after yourselves and your family, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind regards

Richard Wilson
Principal

