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Dear student / parent / carer,

In what has been a challenging few days and weeks, I wanted to write and express my gratitude to your son / daughter. Our Year 11 and Post 16 students have been so mature, calm, kind and responsible since the announcement of this COVID-19 situation.

I cannot express strongly enough how deeply saddened and disappointed I am for all our learners, for them to find out on Wednesday 18 March that their examinations will not run this year is upsetting and will be worrying for them.

With future Post 16, university, college and apprenticeship places resting on their results this summer, I fully understand how stressful this situation must be for them and how difficult this must be for them to understand, with today's news coming as a complete shock.

However, I wanted to reassure you that, although this will be an anxious time for all our young people, we will be working extremely hard to make sure that every single one of our students receives their rightful results and grades at the end of this process.

There is no clear guidance on what the news of 'no exams' will mean and what the examination process and results will look like for this cohort of learners, but whatever the scenario is, we will always be here to support our students, all of whom deserve the absolute best!

Students must not be too disheartened or worry over the next few months about this situation and I will most certainly update you on any news immediately as I know more about the Governments expectations for examinations.

In the meantime, all students will still be expected to complete all work during this period of school closure. Until we know fully what the future examinations process will be, to secure their rightful grades, students will need to continue working as normal, using the Show My Homework system where all work will be set.

We are extremely lucky that the students at Bourne Academy are so absolutely fantastic, they make us feel proud every day and this situation is not at all ideal, but we will make sure it is not an unfair system and that the outcomes for our learners are as best and positive as they possibly can be.

Please contact the school at any time on:

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Yours faithfully,

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