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Dear Year 11

The Prime Minister announced last week that vocational courses will carry on as planned. As many of you have started your vocational courses in BTEC Business, BTEC ICT, BTEC Architecture and Interior, BTEC Health and Social care, WJEC Hospitality and Catering, VCTC Hair & Beauty, BTEC Music, Cambridge National Sport, I wanted to write to you about what happens now.

At present, your vocational courses remain the same but learning and assessment will continue from home and your internal assessment (coursework) needs to be completed. Your teachers, year team and the Senior Leaders are all available to support you.

In this unprecedented time, we now follow our Vocational remote learning policy, which means:

Your teachers will:

1. Adapt the delivery of the course so that it is suitable for online learning
2. Continue to prepare you for any planned external exams
3. Set you tasks and assignments on Teams for each lesson, each week
4. Provide you regular feedback on your work whilst carefully monitoring completion and deadline compliance

We expect you to:

1. Log in to Teams and look at the work that has been set
2. Ask any questions about your work in Live Lessons, on Teams or by email
3. Continue to revise for your external exams
4. Complete all set tasks and assignments according to the deadlines
5. Communicate any issues that may stop you from completing work or meeting deadlines

If anything does change, please consider:

1. **Hard work will still be recognised.** The work you are being asked to do now from home could potentially be used to support decisions regarding your final grade. The quality of your work and your attitude to learning will all be taken into account, if we have to rank you as per the system last year.



2. **Effort will still be recognised.** None of the effort you have shown so far, and will continue to show in the coming months, will be wasted; any new system will make sure that this is fully reflected in the final grade you achieve in every subject. Your outstanding commitment to your studies will reap rewards and secure you the grades you are capable of and deserve. Please also remember that for any subject you are planning to go on to study in the future, you will need the knowledge that the online learning is offering.

Keep working as hard as you can and remember that every piece of work you complete will still make a difference.

Year 11, please remember we have got you and you can do this; I mean it and more importantly believe it.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Strong
Principal