

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

I hope you are well and making every effort to stay safe.

In this letter there is information concerning remote learning, written exams in vocational qualifications, assessments and COVID testing.

Remote learning

Hopefully remote learning is a positive experience, as opposed to very stressful. We are committed to contacting every household every week to check how it is going. Please, please flag up any concerns you have particularly if your daughter is struggling with Teams or where there aren't sufficient electronic devices in the house. We must resolve these issues as soon as possible. Once we are confident in these areas we will be hoping that girls complete as much of their set work as possible.

Vocational qualifications

For those girls studying vocational qualifications it has been decided by the Government that external written exams due to take place in February and March of this year will not be going ahead. Other assessments for vocational subjects, such as BTECs and Cambridge Nationals, will continue as an important part of Teams online learning.

Although A level and GCSE examinations have been cancelled in favour of teacher predictions, girls must appreciate that their grades must be based on the work that they produce. One suggestion that the Government is looking at is that teachers make their predictions towards the end of the summer term to enable more learning to take place. All those Year 11 and 13 girls who were expecting an early end to the school year might well have to reconsider if this comes to fruition!

Other assessments

Although more information concerning mocks and other assessments for all girls in all years will follow when we are sure when girls will return to school, we are clear that some form of testing will take place in the classroom. Now therefore, is not the time for girls to ease up or even worse to stop working.

COVID testing

Testing in the school sportshall will start on Monday for those girls and members of staff who are working in school and who consent to a test. Photos

of the testing site can be found on the website. Although details are going out to the parents of the small number of girls in school, more details will follow to other parents when necessary.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the week.

Mr Reese