

Dear Year 13

In response to the large volume of emails my inbox is currently experiencing, I thought I would write to you all in an attempt to still the immediate unrest amongst you.

The prime minister's announcement has come as a shock to us all regarding exams now not happening in May/June. I know that this will be disappointing and disheartening for so many of you - believe me, it is equally so for us too.

Boris Johnson has only just made this announcement. I'm sure the government will make further announcements as time goes on regarding this. **Please believe me when I say, that at this point in time, we (school) / I do not know any additional information.** I can not begin to guess what the plans are that the UK government will put in place to somehow award A Levels (and GCSEs) for your academic year group. I would hazard a guess, that these decisions haven't even been fully agreed upon yet as the government try to respond rapidly to an ever changing landscape.

*I would only add an air of caution. Please don't assume that exams won't happen at all - I think, at this really early stage, that would be an error of judgement. It may well be that the exams are moved to July/August and Uni starts later... as one example of numerous possibilities. There could be other alternatives explored and suggested nationally. I think, probably, there will be radical solutions put in place.*

**Please try not to panic.** For those hoping to go to University please also, do not frustrate yourself by bombarding your chosen destinations with phone calls and emails - like us (schools), they also have not been given any guidance yet on this unprecedented move.

One thing is clear from listening to the PM, students - YOU - will not be disadvantaged any further.

We will of course let you know of any more information as soon as we know, however I think these will be 'breaking news' announcements for the world to see/hear on the BBC.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Mrs Allen