

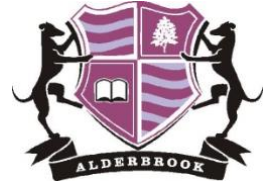
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Dear Parents and Carers

7th May 2020

As we come to the end of this shortened week, I hope you have a chance to enjoy the bank holiday weekend. We have asked teachers not to set any work tomorrow and students should take the time to relax. This weekend may well bring a government announcement about the plans for the reopening of schools. We anticipate that you will understandably have a number of questions and concerns regarding this and we will endeavour to keep all parents and carers regularly updated.

After such a long period of time away from school, the wellbeing of all students is at the forefront of our minds. We hope you have found the resources we have been sending and posting on twitter, and the ones on our website, useful. Some key support services are as follows:

Kooth – www.kooth.com – visit Kooth to speak to a counsellor online

Samaritans – call 116 123 to talk to someone about how you are feeling 24/7

Childline – call 0800 1111 to talk to someone about how you are feeling 24/7

Young Minds – text YM to 85258 if you need urgent help and feel you cannot keep yourself safe

One other resource that we have previously recommended is The Think U Know website; it has been updated with new resources to support you in supporting your children at home, it can be found here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/>

Year 10 English Literature

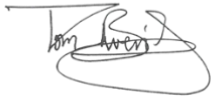
As some parents may already be aware, earlier this week Ofqual released the following statement:

Calculated grades for students in year 10 and below

In line with our consultation proposal, we have decided that students entered for exams in year 10 and below will be eligible to receive calculated grades this summer. This follows the majority of responses received, which indicate that the progression of some students would be disrupted if they were not awarded a grade this summer, and to exclude them would have an unfair impact. Amongst the responses we received were concerns about the potential impact of excluding early entrants on disabled students or those with special educational needs, who might wish to spread their GCSE exams over different years.

With this in mind, we are delighted that our Year 10 students will be awarded their GCSE English Literature grades this summer as planned, and that this year's intensive Literature focus will be rewarded, as well as minimising exam stress in Year 11. Please can I draw your attention to the letter we sent to the parents and carers of Year 11-13 earlier this week, regarding the grading of these exams, it can be found here: <https://www.alderbrookschoo.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/email-to-students-in-years-11-13-re-grading-4th-May-20.pdf>

Very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Beveridge', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Beveridge
Headteacher