

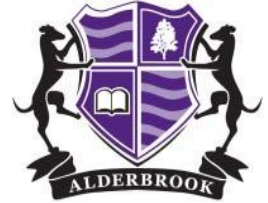
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Dear Year 13 Students

The Prime Minister announced yesterday evening that A Level exams will not take place this summer in the normal way and 'alternative arrangements' will be made. In the coming days we will hopefully receive details of what this will actually mean in practice.

I am aware of the shock and frustration this news will bring and how disheartened you may be feeling. However once the initial disappointment has worn off, I would urge you all to consider these two points, as they should provide some reassurance:

1. **Your hard work 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. On the contrary, the new system will make sure this is fully reflected in your final grade.
2. **You will still be able to progress to University or an apprenticeship in the same way.** The value of your A Level qualifications is not being altered, only the way they are administered.

You must take these points on board and keep going. Your teachers will guide and support you through this time period and the remainder of this academic year. For now, the most important thing for you to do is – **turn up to all your online lessons, keep working hard**, and know that, as we told you back in our opening assembly, **every piece of work you complete will still make a difference.**

Please do get in touch if you need us. The Sixth Form Team are all available via email should you need to contact one of us for help or support. Finally, you will be spending at least the next six weeks at home. It may be a difficult and worrying time for your family. Be kind; be brave; continue to be ambitious for your future.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Anna CJ Allen
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Director of Sixth Form