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Dear Parents & Student

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well at this difficult time. We still await further information from the government concerning exactly how A-level grades will be awarded. The latest government announcement can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020</u>.

However I am giving you a shorter update of what we know so far:

A-level Examinations

The government and exam boards have instructed that they will require a range of data from us to feed into their processes for deciding the A-level grades. They have not yet given precise details on the specifics of the data they require. Please rest assured we will continue to work very hard in the best interests of every one of our students and do all we can to make sure they get the best possible outcomes from the process as it is clarified.

We are expecting to learn more about the process of awarding grades in the next few days and will update you as we know more. We currently expect results will be issued in July, but whatever the confirmed date, we will provide all our usual high-quality pastoral, academic and careers support at the time. Depending on the restrictions in force at the time, this may be online or over the phone rather than face to face. We just have to wait and see.

Universities

Regarding university offers, we understand that a number of universities are considering changing some of their conditional offers into unconditional offers. We look forward to the clarity that this will bring for some (hopefully all) students but do please make sure to contact us if you receive such information and make sure your son or daughter takes time to consider their decisions very carefully. Universities are independent of each other so their approaches to admissions will undoubtedly vary. Our Sixth Form Team will be available to support your sons and daughters through this difficult time and if you have any queries please contact me directly.

What should the Year 13 be doing now?

Some subjects include Non-examined Assessments (coursework) which are yet to be completed. Students should liaise directly with their subject teacher regarding this and any opportunities for completing them remotely .If you have any problems please contact Miss Davies our Head of Sixth form on <u>rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org</u>.

We will keep updating you as and when we receive any further guidance or information. Do please take care of yourselves and your families, stay safe, follow the government's guidelines and stay in touch.

With kind regards,

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Tony Segalini

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