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Dear Parents

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 GCSE and equivalent grades will be awarded. The latest government announcement can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcse-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

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

### **GCSE and equivalent 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 exam 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 near future and will update you as we know more. We currently expect results will be issued in the summer, 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.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Form Decisions**

Of course we are keen to have as many students as possible to join year 12 in September. We will follow our standard 6<sup>th</sup> Form recruitment process once we know what grades students receive. All students who have applied already will be contacted with an option for other students to contact us should they decide to join. Should you need any information on sixth form please contact Miss Davies on [rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:rdavies@ketteringscienceacademy.org).

### **Post 16 destinations and careers**

We would like to reassure all transitioning students that support is available from Mrs Thompson our careers advisor and other members of staff in school.

### **It is important to remember you are not alone.**

If you are worried or concerned about your next pathway, please contact us via email. Email [jtompson@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:jtompson@ketteringscienceacademy.org)



It is important that all students intending to go to College complete application forms as soon as possible. The colleges intend to carry out telephone and online interviews until business can resume as normal.

**REMEMBER YOU CAN APPLY TO AS MANY PLACES AS YOU LIKE, AND MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Most students in Year 11 should have a backup plan. If you are still unsure and continuing to carry out your research, the following resources may be helpful to you.

You can revisit **KUDOS** to find out more information about career pathways.

The **National Careers Service** has lots of useful information on regarding careers, qualifications, pathways and salaries. Click here: - <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

**UCAS** is a very informative website, and not exclusively for those students who are considering university. It has lots of other information about careers. <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

If you are interested in finding an **Apprenticeship**, remember I can help you with your CV and application. You can find what apprenticeship opportunities are available here:-

[https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch?\\_ga=2.24739834.1139024814.1584625234-274098676.1578474295](https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch?_ga=2.24739834.1139024814.1584625234-274098676.1578474295)

[And for help on how to write a winning application, you can use this guide:](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/713047/How-to-write-winning-application.pdf)

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**Careers in sport?** Click here to find out more: <https://careers-in-sport.co.uk/careers/>

**Careers within the NHS?** Click here to find out more:- <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles>

[Visit this website for live Broadcast featuring a range of careers: - https://www.sparkcareers.org/](https://www.sparkcareers.org/)

Explore a **range of careers** and learn directly from employees about working in a range of different sectors here: - <https://icould.com/explore>

And finally.... please make sure the school has your correct contact details and email address. If you have moved lately, please ensure this is updated on the school system. If your parents/carers have changed their phone number/email address please ensure the school has the new one.

If you are still unsure of your plans and need any help or advice, you can Email: - [careers@ketteringscienceacademy.org](mailto:careers@ketteringscienceacademy.org)

Please keep an eye on our website for updated careers information over this time.

### **What should the Year 11 be doing now?**

Some subjects include Non-examined Assessments which are yet to be completed. Students should liaise directly with their subject teacher regarding this as there may be opportunities to complete them remotely.

It is advisable to complete the tasks that teachers are setting for students as this will at least help them develop knowledge that is very useful for whatever post 16 education they choose, particularly Level 3 (A level) courses.

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,

**Tony Segalini**



**Principal**

