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## Dear Year 11

Following the announcement from our Prime Minister, I would imagine that you have mixed feelings at this moment in time; totally understandable.

I am currently digesting the advice from the government and will write to you and your parents in the next few days to clarify what will happen moving forward.

The news about your GCSEs exams at this moment is unclear. However, you have my word that I will work out what the government plans to do and I will explain things for you over the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, don't second guess things or believe everything you hear on the TV.

You have worked hard up until this point and my staff and I urge you to continue to do so.

The bottom line is that all of you are preparing to go onto college or an apprenticeship and you need to keep working at your studies to ensure you are fully prepared for this, regardless of whether you sit an exam or not this summer.

Any GCSE coursework (for subjects like child care, photography, textiles, music) **WILL** need to be completed and your teachers will support you with this remotely.

It is at times like this, that we all need to remember The Gainsborough Way. So put your energy into controlling what you can, continue to work hard and believe in yourselves.

You are a great set of students, both individually and collectively, and my staff and I are dead proud of you and your achievements so far.

Dig deep Year 11 and stick at it. I will be in touch shortly.

Yours sincerely

Anna Leng Principal