



19th March 2020

Dear parent/carers,

I felt it was important to try to give our year 11 students and families some clarity and reassurance at what is, understandably, a very uncertain time for us all. You will be aware, the government have announced that there will be no exams this summer for GCSE, A-level, etc. Whilst, as yet, we have no further understanding of what this means in reality, we will of course clarify this as soon as we are able.

At this time of uncertainty, however disappointing this may be, we feel it is important that students do not give up on their studies. They will still need to feel prepared for the next stage of their education. We will therefore be providing remote learning resources via the school website, email and Microsoft Teams to further support them. This is an unprecedented situation which may well leave them feeling confused, however, please be assured, we will be working hard to ensure our students receive the recognition they deserve for all of their hard work over the years.

The Education Secretary, Mr Williams, has confirmed that students will still receive a graded GCSE result, enabling them to "have the best opportunities in terms of progressing their education, or going into work or on to college". Ofqual, the exams regulator, is working urgently with the Department for Education, confirming how the students GCSE and A-level grades will be agreed and what will contribute towards these.

I can confirm that the Y11 Prom has been postponed. Whilst I understand this will be disappointing, we are looking to agree another suitable date in the future, to ensure the Meden School class of 2020 get the celebratory send-off they deserve.

The staff at Meden are here to support all of our Y11 students and their parents, we will do our best to offer advice, support and guidance. Please contact Mrs Garlick, Head of Y11, if you require an further information or guidance fgarlick@medenschool.co.uk .

Once we have more information, we will contact you directly. Thank for your continued support during this time of uncertainty.

Best wishes

Mr Jim Smith
Head of School