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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

The summer term begins tomorrow and, as promised, I am writing with an update. Firstly, I can confirm that students have until 30<sup>th</sup> April to submit work set before the holiday if they would like staff to consider it as part of the evidence base used to estimate their grades. I reiterate that staff will rely on the best evidence they have and do their utmost to ensure that every student gets the fairest grades possible in the circumstances. We believe that the best course of action now is for students to look towards the next phase of their lives, albeit earlier than expected. We are therefore not going to send any more work linked to GCSE study.

For those of you who have indicated that you intend returning for 6<sup>th</sup> form, we are going to set work linked to your chosen courses. You will receive an individual email from me this week explaining how you will access this work and be able to communicate with your teachers about it.

We are also still committed to an induction programme later this term and from Friday you will again receive 'The County Courier' each week to keep you in contact with what is going on and the support that is on offer. We believe this will allow you to keep up some study as well as giving you a good start in the autumn.

For those of you who have decided not to return, we would advise contacting your next destination for some guidance on what you could be doing and/or using the time to pursue some volunteering and other interests.

We are still determined to celebrate your year group's time with us. We will have a better idea of what is possible when we reach the end of the current lockdown period on 7<sup>th</sup> May and we will be in touch then. In the meantime, we are here for any support we can give.

Yours sincerely

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Head teacher

