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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 30th 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 'A' level study. We would advise contacting your chosen universities, colleges and other providers to ask for reading lists and other materials that would allow you to keep up some study as well as giving you a good start in the autumn. We would also advise using the time to pursue, where you can, interests that you normally would not have had time for, to consider volunteering, to think about skills you might need for next year (cooking for one being one example!) and to ensure you exercise and relax so that you remain fit and well.

I will contact you again after this latest period of lockdown ends on 7th May as we are determined to celebrate your time with us. We will have a better idea of what is possible when we reach this point. In the meantime, we are here for any support you feel we can give you. Mr Kemp will be available for UCAS queries and any member of staff will be only too pleased to hear from you if they can be of help.

In the meantime, my very best wishes to you all.

Vicky Neale

Mrs V. Neale
Head teacher

