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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, may I thank you for your support over the past fortnight. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain how recent events affect year 12 students, although there is still much uncertainty about timelines.

You will be aware that we postponed the year 12 examination week due to take place during mid-May (w/b 11 May). There is a tentative plan to reschedule this for mid-July but it would be unwise to confirm at this stage. We are planning months ahead but intend to review the situation each week as we gain more clarity about how developments affect our students.

From the outset, I'd like to offer reassurance to students and parents. Some students have commented that they are worried they "hadn't finished content" by the time the school closed. The content we had planned to cover before the examination week was entirely down to KLB departments' internal planning. In light of the school closure, we have reviewed this coverage and are making plans to restructure and reschedule schemes of work. We are totally confident that we can manage this without it affecting students' progress.

Over the past few days, we have agreed that our students will be in a great position if they use the next few weeks to revisit work covered since September, so they can build on a solid foundation as they continue through the A level courses. If this structured programme is followed thoroughly, students and teachers will gain a complete picture of progress this year. This will help to inform final A level subject choices and predicted grades. When we launched the school's revision plan a few weeks ago, quite a few students asked to drop a subject because they felt that they hadn't completed consolidation work as thoroughly as they'd have liked. This is now an ideal time to do it!

The structured programme will include, where appropriate: directed consolidation, suggested revision resources to prepare, essay plans, past papers to complete and mark schemes to check, as well as additional resources specific to each subject. The time allocated will be as follows:

- w/b 30 March – 7 hours per subject
- Easter fortnight – 12 hours per subject
- w/b 20 April – 7 hours per subject
- w/b 27 April – 7 hours per subject

Teachers may provide checklists and will direct students as to how they would like to mark/check work. All plans will be posted on Show My Homework from the start of next week. **We are sure that this is manageable for all students; we are not expecting students to complete additional work.**

Once this consolidation programme is completed (w/b 4 May) we will set work that is manageable for students to complete independently. We will plan this carefully. Next week, I will write to both parents and students with suggestions of how this time away from school can be used to strengthen university and apprenticeships applications. This will build on the future plans work started in January.

Most important is our students' health and happiness. I hope that you and your family stay safe and well. I will stay in touch with you and the students but please feel free to contact me via hkhan@klbschool.org.uk (rather than replying to this email) at any point.

With best wishes
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