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Year 13 update

Dear Parents and Carers

This afternoon, the government has announced that all schools will close from Friday and that no public examinations will take place this academic year. This year group has been superb. Their work ethic has been truly impressive and we were confident that they would go on to achieve results which showcased their approach. We are devastated that they will not have the opportunity to do this.

The statement this afternoon confirmed that students will “get the qualifications they need and deserve for their academic career”. At this stage we have no details about how this will be managed but we can assure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that our students are awarded the grades they deserve. This is something we will be working tirelessly for over the coming days and weeks.

We had prioritised year 13 students coming into school this week, working on the assumption that the exam season would continue as usual. At this stage, there is no place for taught lessons. We know that many of our students will be feeling confused and will struggle to deal with this news so we will ensure that there will be staff available to talk things through with students who want to come into school tomorrow.

We would also like to take some time tomorrow to consider how best to mark the last days of the students' time at KLB, but, as you will appreciate we must take into account recent medical advice and not lose sight of the reason why all this is happening. There is a national public health emergency which the whole school community must respect for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of all. Our first duty is to the health and wellbeing of the students and staff. **With this in mind, it is essential that any students who have been self-isolating don't come into school.** Today 20% of the year group were absent due to coronavirus symptoms and/or self-isolation.

Taking account of all of this, we ask that the only students who come into school tomorrow are either those who are struggling and/or the Head Boy/Girl team of eight and our social committee. We will email to update parents and students tomorrow. We hope that we can count on parents' support over the next few days as we navigate our way through these difficult times.

With best wishes

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