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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 11 Update**

As you are aware, yesterday's announcement regarding the cancellation of GCSEs this summer was hugely disappointing for our Year 11 students, their teachers and for us as a school. This morning we held an impromptu 'mini' Leavers' Assembly for the students which was our initial opportunity to celebrate their time in school. You can find their photos, along with ours, on our social media pages. We then said goodbye to the vast majority of students and suggest that they spend tomorrow at home coming to terms with the current situation.

On a more positive note, I would like to reassure our Year 11 students and their families that they have our full support over the coming months and there will be calendared opportunities for us to celebrate their five years at George Pindar. Due to the ongoing crisis, you will understand that we have had to postpone the Year 11 Prom but this will be rearranged for the autumn. Once school reopens, we intend to hold a formal Leavers' Assembly and we will keep you informed of the date for this. We anticipate offering Leavers' Hoodies and we would like to email you regarding this; please confirm your current email address by contacting [hello@gps.hlt.academy](mailto:hello@gps.hlt.academy) Please make sure you state your child's name.

As you will know, there will definitely be no GCSE examinations this year. We believe that teachers will be asked to submit projected grades based on all our evidence together with a professional assessment of the child's likely final exam performance and we will continue to pass on the latest information as we receive it. It has been suggested that students might be able to take some examinations at a later date if they wish to improve their grades but this has not yet been confirmed. However, in anticipation of this and future study, we have today issued all Year 11 students with a large volume of revision materials and granted them access to our new school revision website which has a huge array of tasks for them. We will continue to take every possible step to support our Year 11s in the coming months so that they can move on to their chosen college, apprenticeship or other route; should they require any further support they can contact [j.bilton@gps.hlt.academy](mailto:j.bilton@gps.hlt.academy) in the first instance.

I would like to thank you for your support at this most extraordinary time and will continue to update you when I have more news.

Yours sincerely

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