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Dearest Yr11,

I hope this letter finds you well, I realise this is a difficult and uncertain time for all of you. I wanted to write to you to update you on some key information as I am sure you have questions that you will want answers to. It has been lovely to hear how you are doing so please do continue to keep in touch with us, your form tutor is still accessible through show my homework. We continue to set work for you that is appropriate to your transition to your post 16 destination so please keep checking in with this.

Prom – We have delayed this decision until the last possible moment but it is obvious now that larger gatherings and hospitality are some way off being permitted. As a result we have taken the difficult decision that the Prom will be cancelled and all monies refunded to you (you will receive this in due course). We are very keen that you do at some point in the future enjoy this experience. When the time comes where that may be appropriate we will contact you and ask of this is something you still want to do. If it is we will set up a prom committee and look to organise this event later next year.

Yr11 Hoodies – Some better news! If you ordered the hoodies these will be distributed on results day. We will write to you in the summer to let you know how this will work in terms of collection.

Yr11 Transition Resources – As we move into the final term of this school year, we want to ensure that we are supporting you as you look forward to your post-16 destination, whether that is college or an apprenticeship or employment. In particular, colleges and sixth forms will be keen to ensure that you have prepared for joining them and we are sharing a large variety of subject-based and vocational resources with you to support you. Heads of Department are using Show My Homework to share with you a variety of resources, including some excellent PiXL Gateway booklets for every subject. Miss Holt has also added these booklets for subjects that will be new at A-Level such as Politics. You may want to complete tasks and activities and keep these in a portfolio to share with your new college/sixth form. The tasks/activities are voluntary but if you want any feedback we will do our best to provide it and support you. We also recommend that you look at your college/sixth form website to see if they suggest any other preparation work.

Many of our local colleges have indicated to us that they will be emailing you in the near future about the next steps and transition work. Many are also adding regular updates to their social media accounts and websites, so please keep checking these too (there are some suggestions below).

Cheshire College South and West: <https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/events/>
<https://www.ccsw.ac.uk/make-a-head-start-with-cheshire-college/>

Reaseheath College: <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/covid19/applicants-hub/>

Sir John Deanes College: <https://www.sjd.ac.uk/>

Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School & Sixth Form College: <https://www.hccs1978.co.uk/lp-sixth-form-transition>

Start Profile: <https://login.startprofile.com/Login.aspx?redirecto=>

Paving the way Careers Festival (If you missed it, the employer videos are still available):
www.learnliveuk.com/paving-the-way-virtual-careers-festival

Please remember that you still have a log in for Start Profile. You can easily add any relevant work experience, employer encounters, online training experiences or any online work that you may have completed with the virtual careers festival to your locker. You can also update your CV (please look out for a Show My Homework task from Mrs Anderson detailing how to do this).

If you need any further support, or if you have yet to secure an education or training offer for September please let Mrs Anderson know and we will do what we can to help.

GCSE Assessments – We have been working hard to award grades using teacher assessment, we are now at the stage where these will be submitted to the exam boards. Please be assured we have taken a wide range of evidence into account to award grades and we are confident we are awarding you with the grade that reflects the grade you would have achieved in the summer exams. This information will now be analysed by the exam boards and they will make the final decision on the grade awarded. In August when you receive your results if you are unhappy with the grade we believe that the appeals process will involve you re-sitting the exam however details are still not confirmed on how this will work/if this applies to all exam subjects. When you collect results we will be on hand to advise you of any next steps that are appropriate to you. We are not allowed to inform you of any awarded grades prior to your results being collected in August.

Exam Results Day – As yet we do not know what social distancing requirements will be in place for collection of results. It may be that we will give you a specific collection time as it is unlikely that we will be able to have the whole year group on site at the same time. We will write to you prior to results day to let you know how this will work. Please be assured staff will be there to congratulate, support you and offer advice as we always do.

I appreciate that at this time you were all expecting to be coming to the end of your GCSE exams, I do not want any of you to think that all your hard work up to this point has been wasted. Continued focus on the subjects you want to study next year and keeping in touch with subjects should you wish to sit them in the Autumn term is time well spent. Whatever happens we will be right here to support you, to listen to you and to advise you – you will always be an MHS student and we continue to be incredibly proud of all of you.

Best wishes,

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