

19 March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 11 Pupils

Please find below the message that was shared with Year 11 pupils present in school this morning. Can I ask parents to share this message with those pupils who are currently absent from school?

***Good morning Year 11, so the announcements last evening has produced many many questions with very few answers. We will work out what details we can and communicate with parents/carers and pupils over the next few days. We do know some things....***

***Cavendish pupils are amazing, have worked hard all year and for the past 5 years in the case of Yr11. That hard work still counts, there will be some form of assessment, we just don't know what yet. Don't stop what you're doing now, you'll need it, in some form.***

***Learning is not all about passing exams it is about what you carry with you to the next stage of your life. We will continue to support that to be of the highest quality, we know you will too.***

***Your wellbeing and that of your families- and that of our staff - is of paramount importance. There will be a way to balance both to make sure that our community, which we value so very highly, continues to be something unique and special, whether we are together in person or not. We will stay in touch, we will support each other, we will get through this.***

***We are Cavendish. That does not change. #respect #resilience #responsibility***

Within the assembly the pupils were given the opportunity to ask questions. We gave them answers based on what we know. We discussed the prom and graduation and although we cannot guarantee the planned dates, we will endeavour to celebrate the success of this fantastic year group at the most appropriate time.

No doubt you have lots of questions regarding assessment, coursework and how pupils will receive their qualifications. Pupils are aware of key members of staff who will support them and direct their questions should they feel the need. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

The final message we gave to pupils is that their wellbeing is of paramount importance. Continuing with school work, taking exercise and looking after their own mental health is vital.



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Best wishes

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