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Dear Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to write with some brief updates that I hope you will find useful as we approach the midpoint of the Spring Term.

Firstly I wanted to thank those of you who contributed to the national consultations on the awarding of GCSE and vocational grades this summer. The consultations closed with more than 100,000 responses, making them the Department for Education's largest ever. The outcomes and the plans that will now be put in place are expected to be published during the week of 22 February, and we will share any further information we receive on this with you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, and as was recommended in the consultation, we encourage all Year 11 students to continue to prepare themselves for some form of assessment that will take place in the summer term. I wanted to express again the admiration we have for all of our students who continue to log in to their lessons and complete their work each day in the current and challenging circumstances. We expect the plans that are published to also provide confirmed dates for summer assessments and an official date for the 'end of Year 11'. Again, we will share this information once we have it.

We are delighted that more than 250 of our students have submitted an application to South Hunsley Sixth Form. We will be speaking to all students who have applied to us before the half term break. Students who did not meet the initial deadline but still wish to apply are welcome to contact Mr Hobbs or Mr Jacobs who will be happy to help. For students applying elsewhere and moving on this year, Mrs Barker should have been in touch to make sure you have any information you need and to offer any help making applications. Please do not hesitate to contact your Head of House or Mrs Barker if you would like any more help.

This term we have been working hard to mark and moderate the mock exams, which has been more challenging than ever with many colleagues working remotely and meetings taking place online. Mock exam scripts and feedback will be shared with students as soon as we can return to classrooms, which thankfully looks like being sooner rather than later. In the meantime, we will share an updated Year 11 report in the week after the half term break.

Finally, it is great to see that a number of Year 11 students have been accessing our National Apprenticeships Week resources that have been shared on the school website and our social media pages, and have also been taking part in the Virtual Work Experience opportunities that are available. We are really confident that this sort of commitment means our students will continue to succeed at whatever they put their minds to.

I wish all students an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.

Yours faithfully



Barry Gray  
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