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Dear Year 11 and Year 13 Students and Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good Easter weekend. I wanted to wait until you had some well-earned rest until I wrote to you concerning how your grades will be awarded in the Summer. Please find attached an important letter released last week by Ofqual regarding GCSE, AS and A Level grading. This also takes into account Vocational, BTEC and Cambridge Technical qualifications.

Please note two key messages from Ofqual in their letter to you:

- Please don't ask your teachers, or anyone else at your school or college, to tell you the grades they will be sending to the exam boards or where they have placed you in the order of students; they will not be allowed to share this with you.
- The Government's over-riding aim in this is to be fair to students this summer and to make sure you are not disadvantaged in your progress to sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, training or work because of these unprecedented conditions.

In respect of the first point, all schools have been instructed to keep confidentiality in respect of grades. We are not allowed to share this information with you. To ensure there is no confusion surrounding gradings, the Academy has taken the decision not to issue reports for Year 11 and Year 13 students. In respect of this second point, we will work with you to ensure you are in the best possible position to progress to the next stage. With this in mind, we provide the following additional information for each year group:

Year 11: Over the next half term, we will be starting transition work for those intending to study in our Sixth Form. This will be complemented with a personal development and careers programme linked to your selected subjects and areas of study alongside Maths and English tasks. We will inform you as soon as this is live. In the meantime, if you have not applied to our Sixth Form, it is not too late and we welcome your application. Please use email dean.taafe@thebourneacademy.com

Interviews can be arranged to take place remotely after Easter. If you would like further advice then please contact Mrs Woodings on vicky.woodings@thebourneacademy.com

Year 13: Focus on your goal. If you are moving on to study elsewhere, what can you do to begin preparing for your course now? Check any online services at your preferred University. If you are going to a workplace, or to an apprenticeship, use this time to work on your curriculum vitae (CV), applications letters and notes. Whatever your next step, your tutor or teachers can help and advise you.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the coming weeks. Enjoy the remainder of the Easter holiday meanwhile.

All best wishes

Kind regards

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