



20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I understand that this is a challenging and unprecedented time for everyone, especially students in Year 11 and parents/carers, but it is important that we all 'do our bit' no matter how small. I will be speaking to all of our Year 11's today to assure them that we will keep them updated regarding their GCSEs as well as our plans to have appropriate leavers' celebrations befitting our first ever cohort of students of whom we are so proud. We will update students, parents and carers when we can.

There are lots of questions in relation to qualifications for Year 11, this is as yet unclear, however we are asking all students to continue to complete work set for them by their teachers- this will certainly benefit them if there are any assessments as well as preparing them for 6th form, college or further training. All class teachers will be setting work for students on Frog to support with this aim in mind. Students should keep all exercise books and keep them in a safe place in case these need to be used for assessment purposes. We will be in touch at a later date if we need to access these. A number of students in Year 11 understandably have concerns and questions about their future academic careers. We will inform them that their future plans at this stage should not change. All of our staff are on hand to answer questions as and when needed.

I understand that our students are understandably frustrated and upset by the cancellation of their exams, however their time at Finham Park 2 has not been wasted. They have hopefully enjoyed many happy experiences which have helped them to develop into ambitious and successful young adults ready to embrace the world. I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the commitment, diligence and determination of Year 11 this year and the support from you as a parent/carer – it has been a privilege to have been a part of their journey.

I would like to finally add a huge thank you for taking the leap of faith of sending you child to Finham Park 2. I hope this is not goodbye.

Best wishes and please stay safe.

Russell Plester