

Dear Year 11,

We hope you and your families are safe and well and that you enjoyed your Easter break.

We do not underestimate the mixed emotions you must have felt over the last few weeks. As a year group, you had knuckled down and invested your time, energy, and commitment to achieving your very best in the GCSES. To not have a proper end to your school career must be very frustrating and we do really sympathise with this. Your teachers are currently in the process of working out your final grades, in line with government guidelines. It is likely that the results will be shared like in previous years on results day in August. Rest assured, they are working hard to ensure the grades are fair and reflect the work you have carried out over the last two- three years of the courses.

As you will not be sitting GCSE exams this summer, we have decided that there is no expectation for you to carry on with your year 11 work. Instead, we would like you to focus on your onward journey Post Willingdon. We know that many of you are intending to pursue subjects at college and therefore you may wish to contact colleges to ask for preparatory work for your future studies. Many of the college websites have reading lists for courses that you could access in order to give yourself a head start in September. Whilst you are not completing schoolwork it is important that you don't allow all the study skills you have developed to become too rusty.

Your time may not completely be taken up with preparatory work for post sixteen so consider what else you can do to keep your mind and body active. Read as much as you can. Perhaps take up a new hobby? You could learn a new skill or a subject or simply teach yourself to cook and surprise your family with a meal. Spend some time looking at universities or apprenticeships. Consider all the different jobs that you could one day apply for. Above all, spend positive time with your families and make the most of being together. Do keep in touch with your friends, make some memories and try to turn the current situation into a positive experience.

We will continue to check in on you until the end of June and will continue to send our student bulletin to you but do remember, If you do have any concerns or questions, use the talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk or talk2us@willingdonschool.org.uk email. We have not forgotten about the year book, hoodies and Prom and will keep you updated when we have news. We know many students are facing anxiety over this situation and please be reassured, many adults are too. We are always here for you.

Yours faithfully

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