



much more than just a school



20 March 2020

Dear Year 11

From today most of you will be working from home. We will still be here and will stay in regular contact with you, but it won't be face to face.

We know the announcement by Boris Johnson this week has created uncertainty for many of you and there are lots of questions we still have. This was not how we would have wished to end Year 11.

But the following things have been made clear:

- **You will get your qualifications.** We do not know how this will work. It is likely teachers will need to provide evidence of your attainment in subjects. You may be asked to show this at college. Keep working and practising the things you have been doing in class.
- **BTEC and coursework:** If you are not finished, you need to complete this at home and send to your teachers.
- **You will be able to go on to college/ training.** Again, details are not yet clear, but colleges will be keen to have their courses running for you as soon as they are able to in the next academic year. Some of you already have your places. Others are yet to have interviews. We have contacted colleges to ask for information on this and will let you know as soon as we do. They are likely to be via email or telephone. If you have not yet applied, get on and do this.

There is also no doubt that we will make sure that **you will 'leave Park Community in style'**. We cannot be sure when leavers' assembly and celebrations can happen, but we will make sure you have your moment. For now, along with all other Years, you will have been given work packs today. Many of you have asked for the mock papers that you were due to take next week to be included so they are. Keep working. Finish coursework and make sure you are still prepared to demonstrate your brilliance in exams or some other way at some point.

In the meantime, we are still here to support you. At home you will be able to continue work on all of your subjects using the on-line materials and regular emails from teachers.

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What should you do?

- **Stay inside** during school hours and complete your learning. Aim to spend 3-4 hours on your learning. You are preparing for next year.
- **Organise a space** where you can work and keep your books
- **GCSEpod:** Your teachers have already created playlists for you to watch and summarise in your books
- **Check your school emails each day if you can.** Teachers will be checking how you are doing and offering support for your learning
- **Contact us if you have any questions, problems or just need someone to talk to**

Free School Meals

If you receive Free School Meals we will still provide these. You will be able to come to reception each day to collect these. Details about this and what to do if you cannot collect them will be sent to your parents. We will update you and your parents regularly about arrangements for this.

We are very proud of the young adults you have become and of the hard work and focus you have put into working towards your GCSEs. Please stay safe, keep in touch with us and let us know if you need any help.

Yours sincerely

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Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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