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Dear Year 11 Students

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that GCSE exams will not take place this summer in the normal way. In the coming days we will get details of what will replace them but for now it is important that we keep going so that we are prepared for any decisions the government makes. It is important that you continue to complete all the work that your teachers set you.

I am aware of the shock and disappointment yesterday's announcement may have brought. However, once the initial shock has worn off, I would urge you all to consider these points:

1. Your hard work will still be recognised. None of the effort you have shown so far, and will continue to show in the coming months, will be wasted. Your effort will be fully reflected in your final grade.
2. Your eventual results will hold equal status to any other year. You will still be able to progress to Sixth Form in the normal way. The value of your GCSE qualification is not being altered only the way they are administered.
3. Your ambitions for the future will not be affected by this decision.

I know that this is a lot to take in but the staff at The Roundhill Academy are here to support and guide you through the remainder of this year. For now, just turn up for all your online lessons, keep working hard and know that every piece of work you complete will still make a difference.

Yours sincerely

Tim Marston
Headteacher