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RE: UPDATE YEAR 11

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I hope you are well and that you have been able to adjust, as far as possible, to these unprecedented times.

I would like to thank you again for your support over the last three weeks; teachers have been impressed with the high levels of engagement in the work completed by our pupils.

You and your children will understandably have many questions regarding the cancellation of the GCSE examinations. The letter released by Ofqual on Friday 3rd April, addressed to GCSE, AS and A level pupils would have answered many of these questions. The link to this letter is below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878854/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

I would like to offer further clarity by addressing some of the key questions year 11 have been asking.

1. Does the school now have everything they need to calculate our final grades?

We will use all of the information and evidence that we have to conclude your grade, therefore any additional work will now not count towards that final grade. However, if you are proposing on taking a subject for A level then you should continue with the subject work which is being set. This will put you in a stronger position when you do attend your Post 16 provision.

As per the government guidance, which we will follow, we cannot disclose any grades for any subjects. Please do not ask individual teachers for this information.

2. Why has the school uploaded A level taster units? Not all of us will study these subjects?

The exceptional staff of Platanos College have designed these units for you in order to better prepare you for your next steps.

These should only be completed if you have an interest in these subjects and you plan to study these subjects at A level.

Please submit these as you would any other piece of work and teachers will give you feedback on these units once you have completed them.

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3. What do I do if there are no A level taster units that I am planning to study post 16?

Over the Easter break we have planned taster units in the following subjects, despite not offering these at GCSE:

- Sociology
- Politics

The PE A level taster unit is applicable for any pupil who intends to follow a Sports pathway.

4. What do I do with my books and other equipment? Do I need to keep my things?

Please keep all of your exercise books, textbooks and any additional resources we have given you over the past year. We will arrange a specific date for you to bring these into school when we return.

Your exercise books are very important because these will evidence your progress to date.

We will need you to bring ANY textbooks that you may have borrowed so that we can use these again for the next academic year.

We thank you for your understanding.

May God be with us. Always.

Yours sincerely,

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