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Dear All

We are writing to thank everyone for their support and understanding during this difficult and unprecedented time. We know how hard you have been working in preparation for your A Level and Applied General examinations and realise that you will be concerned about your final grades and securing places at university, on apprenticeships and implications for future careers. At the point of writing we are still awaiting information from the examination boards and we will contact you when we know more. You can be reassured that we will work tirelessly on your behalf to ensure that you receive the best grades possible.

We also appreciate how important it is to mark the end of your time at our schools. Many of you have been here for the last seven years, others for two and have made many friends. I am sure that you had been planning your final days in school and how you were going to celebrate. We are aware that some of you felt that we should have tried to hold these events today: we hope you understand that trying to bring together so many students at this time would not have been appropriate, even if we had sufficient teachers available to support the events. We are also really disappointed: we had already begun to plan your special Leavers' Assemblies and were looking forward to a rousing performance of "Shine Jesus Shine" in the Associated Leavers' Service!

At the moment we cannot speculate as to how long the current situation is going to last but you should be aware that we have **not cancelled** the booking for the Year 13 Leavers' Ball at the Pavilions on 26 June. If this does have to be cancelled we will explore all options to re-schedule the event so that you can come together and celebrate as soon as the situation allows. We also have to present our Year Books, Hoodies and awards and we would be keen to arrange for Year 13 students to return to school when life has returned to something resembling normality so that we can mark your time with us properly.

Please look after yourselves and support your loved ones and your friends through these challenging times; whilst much is uncertain there is still much to look forward to.

Regards

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