

Dear Student

Since our last communication regarding the cancelled exams, there is no new guidance from the Department for Education about the process which will be used to award grades in the summer; their latest document is [here](#) entitled '**Coronavirus (COVID-19): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020.**' (20 March 2020).

Although you know that you will no longer sit formal exams this academic year, there are many important reasons for you to continue to study. These include, for example, the possibility of re-sitting exams early in the next academic year and the need to keep studying and progressing, particularly if you are intending to move on to Higher Education – your future tutors will probably not have time to fill in any perceived gaps caused by the early conclusion to your Sixth Form studies. We would also suggest that further study at this point will be a welcome distraction from the anxiety and uncertainty of the current situation.

We therefore strongly encourage you to continue to work through the resources prepared by teachers, including revision resources and practice exam work, **until at least the time that the exams would have started (May 11th)**. These can be accessed either through the St Aidan's Moodle VLE or via the St John Fisher website. In many cases, you may continue studying some subjects beyond this time frame, especially those which are important for your future course of study.

If you were also working on coursework for any of your subjects at the time when enforced school closure was announced, we would recommend that you complete this work if possible and submit it to your teacher. There is no expectation that work completed at this stage will affect the grade submitted for consideration this summer but it may be required if you need to improve upon the awarded grade next year. If you require specific advice about the content of this work, please make contact in the normal way via Moodle for St Aidan's staff or via the St John Fisher website.

We will contact you again when we receive further information regarding the award of grades this summer.

With best wishes,

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