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Dear Pupils/Parents/Carers

I am writing to keep Year 11 pupils, parents and carers informed of what is happening at Hollingworth regarding their education. I can assure you that, in light of recent announcements, our plans fully include Year 11 pupils smoothly transitioning beyond Hollingworth Academy.

We will be announcing further measures that we are putting in place and we feel that the best place to keep fully informed is on our Facebook and Twitter pages. In our recent discussions we have recognised that pupils haven't completed every course. We are asking staff to ensure that all curriculum not covered in lessons since our enforced closure is posted on the VLE for pupils to complete. There are a number of reasons for us doing this; firstly, we have to report a grade based on coverage of the entire curriculum and not just the majority of it; secondly, we owe it to pupils to support them to complete each course they started back in Year 10. We also recognise that some pupils may be going on to sixth form colleges to continue with that subject and finally the Government have said that if pupils are not entirely happy with the grades that they are awarded by teachers, then they will have the option to sit an exam. We do not have any details yet as to how this process will be undertaken, but we will communicate details as soon as we know anything.

After the Easter holidays we will be looking at providing work for Year 11 pupils to continue with, either if they want to continue with that subject at sixth form college or if they may need to take up the option of an exam. As you will be able to appreciate, we are in the very early stages of planning this so again, more information will be sent out when we have those plans in place. The main local sixth form colleges are being contacted for them to recommend work and reading lists that Year 11 pupils can be doing during these uncertain times that we find ourselves in.

Can I just reassure pupils and parents / carers that we definitely haven't forgotten about Year 11 pupils and we will be having discussions as to how we can properly recognise their five years at Hollingworth. The assembly on Friday was definitely not the end of their journey with us.

Thank you all for your continued support through these challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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