

Update on arrangements for second year students

Today I wrote to year 13 students to 'welcome them back' to the summer term – this would have been their final term on campus and, instead, they have experienced an un-expected, abrupt ending to their sixth form experience. I would like you to know that I have great admiration for the way our students have adapted so quickly to the challenges of remote and on-line learning. Teachers have paid tribute to our students' efforts in this and I extend my thanks to you for supporting them during this very challenging time.

As you will be aware from the communication we sent just before the holidays, Ofqual has provided information on how A level grades will be calculated and, almost daily, the finer detail is emerging - you can find that information again [here](#). Grades will be based on work that was completed throughout the course before lockdown measures were implemented, so I'd like to provide clarification on what happens next and what our expectations are for on-going remote learning.

Most subjects have now finished the A level course content. In the next few weeks, any resources provided by teachers will be aimed at both preparing students for further study and providing wider interest and enrichment. While we would encourage students to engage with this material, there is no requirement to complete it and teachers will not set work for assessment.

In subjects where the course content has not yet been completed, teachers will continue to provide resources and tasks to help students learn. Students will be advised to complete this work, but it will not contribute to the final grade and no assessed work will be set. Completion of the full A level course content is particularly important for students who may consider sitting an examination in the autumn or in summer 2021 or for those continuing to higher education courses in a related field of study or employment.

Our year 13 students may have completed their formal studies with us, but they are still very much members of the King Edward's community. Although we need to physically isolate from one another, we will aim to stay in touch, to provide you and your child with relevant information regarding A level grades. We are encouraging students to continue to read their college emails, as we will send further important communications over the coming weeks. Your child's PT and our student support services are available to help in any way possible. In these times, friendship and community are more important than ever.

On behalf of my colleagues, I send our very best wishes to you and your families. We hope that you all stay safe and well. I thank you most sincerely for your on-going support and understanding during this very challenging time for us all.

Remley Mann
Principal

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