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Dear Years 11 and 13,

I hope you have all had a good week given the unusual times in which we find ourselves.

You, like so many around the world, are facing a number of uncertainties but I know that with self-belief, support from others and support for others, you will come through these challenges you currently face.

This is the time for you to be at your best – when you face each day positively, when you look out for your family and your friends and when you care for the most vulnerable in your family, your street and your community.

It is natural that you have been worried about the cancellation of summer exams and what that might mean for you, be it Post 16 studies, University places or future employment.

Ofqual have today published their guidance on how grades will be awarded this summer and more information will follow.

The link to the letter is here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

I trust this communication will answer your questions about subject grades. Many of you have written to me asking whether you should continue with the work you have been set. My answer is exactly what you would expect from me – yes, you should!

You should for several reasons. One – it is important to finish what you have started – finish the course of study you began two or three years ago and enjoy the sense of completion and success that comes with that. Secondly, keep engaging your intellect and challenging yourselves with your learning – you might do some preparation for further study in Post 16 or beyond; you might read more widely around a topic that grabbed your interest or challenge yourself to master a topic that seemed impossible.

Thirdly, don't stop asking questions, developing your inquiring mind or learning a new skill. There are massive opportunities available to do something new – a free online course from the Open University or numerous other providers would engage your brain and introduce you to ideas and concepts you may have never considered. Pick up a recipe book and plan an Easter dish, or meal, for your family. Take that packet of seeds out of the shed and plant them – learning does not always come via a book or screen. Experience is the greatest teacher of all!

Enjoy your Easter break. Be kind to your family, and kind to yourselves. Stay well and stay safe – stay home!

Best wishes

Ms Alexander