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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you and your families are well.

I thought it would be useful to give you an update on the current situation. As you will be aware, Ofqual released their arrangements for this summer's exam results. In summary, we have been asked to do 2 things for each of our students:

First, to make a judgement about the grade that each student was most likely to have achieved, if they had taken their exams in summer 2020.

Second, to rank each student relative to others who we also judge would have got the same grade. For example, if we judge that 8 students would have been most likely to achieve a grade 4, we need to rank those 8 students from 1 (the most secure/most likely to achieve the grade) to 8 (the least secure/least likely).

The following video explains this in a bit more detail:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtjY1Q&feature=youtu.be>

Before the Easter holidays we were continuing to teach students so that we could gain additional evidence to help us make our decisions. Unfortunately, the guidance from the DfE and Ofqual states that we should no longer do that.

I realise that it is difficult for students to get motivated to login to lessons, when the work they are doing is no longer going to count towards their final grade. Therefore, from Monday we will not expect students to follow their normal timetable.

However, it is important for students to realise that we are still there for them. They are still part of TeamTanfield and always will be. Therefore, we want to support them over the coming months, to ensure they are in the best possible position for their next steps. Some staff are going to continue teaching but focus on bridging units to A-levels in their subject, as well as completing their GCSE courses. These teachers will be in touch with your child about the timing of these sessions.

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We have also set up a new site:

<https://sites.google.com/tanfieldschool.co.uk/keeplearning>. The site is populated with activities for students to do in preparation for an A-level in a particular subject. There are also links for Unifrog (a website to help with career guidance), GCSEPod (a website of podcasts for different subjects) and FutureLearn (a website with online courses that are free).

We hope that your child will access these resources and find them useful.

I know some students are concerned about prom. I can say for certain that there will be a prom, however, this may not be on our original date in July. We will let you know as soon as possible, should this date change.

Finally, I want to thank you all again for your ongoing support. It has meant a lot to myself and the staff. We hope you and your families stay safe.

Take care,  
Steven

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