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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Examination Update

Firstly, I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and that you managed to make the most of the lovely weather during the Easter break. Secondly, a big thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of uncertainty. You will be aware that GCSE exams have been cancelled this summer and I wanted to write to you as this impacts on the work your son / daughter has been completing in some option subjects such as Sports Studies, iMedia, Catering & BTEC Music.

Your son / daughter has been very busy completing coursework or preparing for an external exams in some subjects over the last two years and in some subjects such as Sports Studies, were due to sit an exam on the Contemporary Issues in Sports this summer. In light of the present circumstances, exams will not take place and we are not able to submit any coursework for year 10 in the summer of 2020 as exam boards are not allocating moderators. If your son / daughter has completed coursework this will still be taken into consideration and this will be submitted as soon as possible in the next assessment window, December 2020 to January 2021.

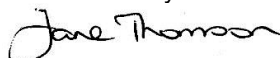
On our return to school, your son / daughter will have the opportunity to sit any written exams in year 11 and can continue to improve their coursework before we submit to the exam board. We feel that this is in their best interests and should ensure enough time is provided to teach the content necessary to ensure they reach their full potential.

In the meantime, class teachers will continue to set home learning activities for completion and Mr Critchley has already communicated the information below.

- Secondary Departments will continue to provide work through Show My Homework.
- If students needs to contact their teachers; each subject has an e-mail account linked to their department teachers. The information on how students can access their school e-mail accounts can be found on our website www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk under Pupils, Email Access. A list of the departmental e-mails can also be found on this area of the website.
- In addition to Show My Homework, Secondary students are already accessing Seneca as part of their learning.
- BBC Bitesize has also launched online lessons that are specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- The Department for Education has also launched the Oak National Academy which is providing lessons specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found by visiting <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- For those families struggling to access online resources teachers are working hard to provide more work packs.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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