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Dear Parents

I hope that you are all well and staying safe during the current situation. Please don't worry if you are finding it hard to manage the new 'remote learning' processes, we are all getting used to it and it will all settle down over time. It is important, both for you and your children, to establish a daily routine so that the day has separate structured study and relaxation times and to keep these routines as settled as possible over the Easter period. There is a suggested timetable on our website.

Whilst it is important that each pupil engages positively with their teachers and Head of Year, and works through the classwork and pastoral tasks that they have been set, please don't worry about falling behind. We will make sure that we build some catch up time into the Easter period: just ask your child to contact either their teacher or Head of Year for support and guidance.

We want to make sure that we stay in touch with everyone and therefore it is very important that all pupils check and respond to emails. In addition to using email, you can also contact your child's Head of Year by phoning the main school number and following the instructions to dial the relevant extension. Please also use the school website for any updates and for important safeguarding information. You can translate all the information, including the COVID-19 pages, by clicking on the google translate button on the top line of the home page (world symbol).

If you do not have access to any IT equipment for remote learning, please let your child's Head of Year know.

If you are a keyworker and you want to book a place for your child in the Hub in Cathays, please email [keyworker@fitzalan.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:keyworker@fitzalan.cardiff.sch.uk) to reserve a space.

I know that many of our pupils are worried about their examination grades. The latest information from Qualifications Wales is:-

#### **Year 13 and Year 11 pupils.**

*'Grades for GCSE and A level qualifications in 2020 will be calculated using a range of evidence. They will be based on a combination of factors which may include marks for work completed to date, for example AS results for A level grades, and standardised teacher assessed grades. Teacher assessed grades will be based on what teachers would expect a pupil to achieve at the end of the course. They need to represent a fair, reasonable and carefully considered judgement of the most likely grade that might be achieved in normal circumstances. This is a professional judgement based on the combined assessment information held for that pupil and will be a holistic judgement.'*

We are awaiting final guidance regarding examination grades for GCSE, A level and BTEC examinations for pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 and will ensure that no pupil is unfairly disadvantaged in the process of awarding final grades.

#### **Year 12 and Year 10 pupils**

*'Pupils who were due to sit their AS exams this year will not be required to take those exams at a later date. This year all AS pupils will receive an AS grade and there will be no AS exams until summer 2021. The grade awarded will be based on a range of evidence, including teacher assessed grades, and will not contribute to A level results in 2021. In summer 2021, AS pupils will have two options for their A level award. They can either choose to only sit the A2 units, with the A level grade based on their performance in those units, or they can choose to sit AS and A2 units. They will be awarded the best grade from either route.'*

*Year 10 pupils who were due to sit exams that would have led to a whole GCSE qualification this summer will be issued a grade following the same process as Year 11 pupils. Teacher assessed grades and other evidence will be used to calculate a grade. Year 10 pupils who were due to sit units that will lead to GCSE results next summer, will not receive a unit result. For those pupils, there will be two options. They can choose to sit only the units they plan to take in summer 2021, with their overall GCSE grade calculated on the basis of that performance only. Alternatively, they can choose to sit the Year 10 units in summer 2021, along with Year 11 units. They will be awarded the best grade from either route.'*

For more information, please go to <https://qualificationswales.org/english/coronavirus---covid-19>

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact us via the Fitzalan email, [FitzalanHigh@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:FitzalanHigh@cardiff.gov.uk) or ring 02920232850 and follow the instructions.

Thank-you for your support.

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