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Dear Parent/Carer and Year 12 Student

Year 12 Reports

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. At the point of closure we were due to issue the Spring Report for Year 12. Although your child may not be attending school at the moment, we wanted to pass on the reports. This report will provide an update regarding progress to date and may offer some guidance for subject areas that may need some focus. Here is a brief summary of what the report shows:

WAG: A Working at grade to indicate present level of performance.

Predicted Grade: A professional prediction for the outcome in summer exams.

Effort Grade: This grade will provide you with an indication of how hard your child is working. The benchmark for Grade 1 is deliberately high and is set to help recognise when students have gone the 'extra mile' in a subject they love. Students working at Grade 2 are clearly working very hard. Effort levels 3 and 4 are tracked in school and intervention will take place if we feel that consistent lack of effort is leading to standards that are below expectations.

Grade 1	Outstanding commitment given to learning. Always tries hard and perseveres when the challenge and work difficulty increases. Homework is always completed and goes well beyond the minimum that is expected. Shows a genuine interest in the subject and independently researches work and asks questions. Always well organised and prepared to learn.
Grade 2	Shows a good attitude to learning. Homework is always completed and meets the standards expected. Well organised and gives high levels of effort to learning and generally approaches challenging tasks positively.
Grade 3	Attitude to learning is inconsistent. Does not always give their best effort to learning tasks. Homework, whilst usually completed, is often not at the standard that would be expected or is often late. Not always well organised.
Grade 4	Does not display a good attitude to learning. Homework is rarely completed on time and is often not at the expected standard. Shows little interest in the subject and does not seek to learn independently or ask questions. Organisation is often poor.

The report also shows attendance, but should there be and discrepancies with this figure please bear in mind the potential influence of the recent disruption caused by the Corona virus.

Life at Budmouth has changed very rapidly recently and events have been somewhat unsettling. Students might be feeling a bit frustrated about what's happening and that's completely understandable. I want to let you know that we are all thinking of you. Friday was an emotional day; I was so impressed with the mature way that so many of the students seemed to be approaching the situation we found ourselves in.

Students, please continue to access Google Classrooms and complete the work that teachers have set for you. Please also retain and keep together all of your files, school work, assessment papers, coursework etc. as evidence of the learning and progress that you are making.

If they haven't done so already, your tutor will also be setting up a tutor classroom (at least one tutor group has already started setting themselves quizzes).

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for contributing to such a positive Sixth Form atmosphere this year! On behalf of the Sixth Form Team, I would like to wish the students all best over the next few uncertain weeks. I look forward to all being together again soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Henman', written in a cursive style.

Mark Henman
Director of Sixth Form