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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I am writing in regards to the second set of Year 12 reports which were originally due to be published on January 29th.

In the current circumstances that the students are working in we have decided not to go ahead with these at this time. It would seem unfair to issue students with new grades at a time when they have only recently had to adapt to a new schedule of 'Remote Learning'. Assessment activities that they would have been completing in school during January would obviously have been very important in helping teachers to decide if there were any changes in either the student's 'Current Grade' or their 'Predicted Grade' from the report that they received on 19th November.

Our students have adapted very well to this new routine and now that they have settled into the schedule we will be including more regular assessments as part of the normal work being set. One of the aims of these assessments, alongside all the other benefits, will be to help teachers to understand what they need to focus on when we return to school and to help facilitate their final report of the year, which is scheduled for 9th July.

I would encourage you to keep talking to your son/daughter about their remote learning, as this can be very helpful in enabling them to stay motivated and focussed. I know that the current interruption to their exam courses is very frustrating and like all schools we are mindful of the time that these students missed last year. You may have picked up on the current Department for Education consultation for exams that have now been cancelled this summer for Year 11 and 13 students. Schools have also been sharing their concern that some consideration needs to be given to students in Year 10 and 12 who have had the first year of their exam courses disrupted. We will watch that situation very closely. In the meantime all we can ask is that the students keep doing their best in completing their work.

The Year 12 Parents' Evening is scheduled for June 17th and we have no plans to change this. Not only do we hope to be back at school long before then, we also have a new system in place that enables these events to take place face to face but 'online'. It has been very popular and successful with Year 9 and 11 already.

On a separate note, please be aware that our Next Step process to support Year 12s with their progression after Sixth Form is now under way. Next week, I will be sharing with the students a video introduction to the Unifrog platform and I will make this available to parents as well, both on Google Classrooms and the Budmouth Sixth Form webpage.

If you have any general concerns about your son/daughter's progress or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact their form tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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