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Dear Year 11 pupils,

You will have seen the announcement from Gavin Williamson that GCSE examinations will not take place in the normal way this year. Teacher assessment will be used for the final outcomes. We hope to have further details on what this will entail very soon and we will promptly share this with you and your families.

In the meantime, I would like to provide some reassurance. Firstly, your efforts and hard work will be recognised. The work you continue to do will also be counted so please carry on doing your best and be assured that it will contribute to your results in some way.

These results will mean the same as those of any other cohort that has gone before you. Your qualifications will be equally as valid and on paper will appear the same as anyone else's. You will still be able to progress into sixth form education and I hope for many of you that will be here at LNS. I want to reassure you that your ambitions for your future are not affected by this change to assessment.

As a school, we will do our absolute best to ensure that you are awarded the correct grade. We will communicate with you all updates that we receive so that you fully understand how these alternative arrangements will affect you. We are here to provide support through this and our top priority is ensuring you are fairly rewarded for your work.

In the meantime, please continue to attend your live lessons and complete the learning as directed by your teachers. They are very proud of your engagement and commitment so far.

Finally, I realise that you will have been working hard towards your Pre Public Exams (mock exams) scheduled for next week. Despite these being cancelled this hard work will not have gone to waste. You will have secured a better understanding in each of your subject areas and developed revision strategies that will support your future studies. We will of course keep you well informed as to when we will be re-scheduling these assessments.

I look forward to seeing you all online at your next remote assembly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M Schofield  
Headteacher