



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Continued School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a good Easter break and a chance to spend time together as a family. At the start of this week Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, said that schools will continue to be closed for the time being. We remain hopeful that there will soon be clear information from the government on the likely timescale for a return to school and we will keep you informed on our plans to do this as soon as is possible.

In the meantime, School will continue to be open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. Thank you for letting us know in advance if your child will need to be in school as this has helped us to plan our provision.

We have been impressed with how well our students have engaged with learning at home and accessing and completing school work and we would like to thank parents and carers for your help with establishing routines. This week we are asking teachers to contribute to a review of the resources and methods that they have found to be most effective and we would like to ask you for some feedback too. We will use this to refine and improve our provision. If you have time to help with this, please follow the link to complete the survey below.

<https://bit.ly/3cJXqrD>

Following the announcement from Ofqual that centre assessment grades will be used to determine GCSE, AS Level and A Level grades this year, there has been a **further announcement regarding the date when results will be published**. AS and A Level results will be published on Thursday 13th August with GCSE following a week later, Thursday 20th August.

Schools are being asked to provide exam boards with the grade they believe students were most likely to get if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned; together with a rank order of students within each subject. Ofqual will then carry out national standardisation to ensure fairness.

There is no need for students in Year 11 or 13 to do any additional work after the school closure on 20th March or to complete coursework. Year 12 students are to continue to complete all the work set by their teachers to ensure they are prepared as they move on to full A Level courses. This includes Year 12 students considering which of their four AS Levels to drop at the start of Year 13. Any timetable changes should be carefully considered, without due diligence and access to the final AS level grades, ceasing study of a subject at this stage would be detrimental to a smooth transition to A Level. For students in Year 11 who will be starting A Levels in September the Sixth Form team will be writing to you separately with induction information and reading to help prepare for your chosen A Level courses.

As ever, if you have any questions or simply wish to touch base with us here at school please contact Reception or email rnicoll@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk and a senior member of staff will do their best to help.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Nicoll

Deputy Head Teacher



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