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Dear Year 11 pupils,

As you will be aware we are now in a national lockdown after the Prime Minister's national address yesterday evening. In light of this recent announcement and comments regarding examinations I would like to clarify the school's position and the importance of remote learning.

The Prime Minister during his address stated, "We recognise that this means it's not possible or fair for **all** exams to go ahead this summer as normal. The education secretary will work with Ofqual to put in place **alternative arrangements**."

We are already aware that BTEC examinations for Child Care (Thursday 7 January) and Animal Care (Monday 11 January) **will** continue to take place along with the GCSE Food and Nutrition practical assessment this Friday (8 January).

Until further clarity is provided on what the alternative arrangements will be, it is important that you continue to engage with the remote learning provided, which will be via live lessons and Looms. Completing the work set to the best of your ability will help you prepare for a return to school, and provide supporting evidence for Teacher Assessment Grades which could be used to determine your final grade.

And finally, education is not simply about completing a test or exam. The knowledge and understanding that you have acquired throughout your schooling at Etonbury, and continue to acquire during this lock down will aid you not only in your next steps but your future lives.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate in contacting me on mharpin@bestacademies.org.uk and I wish you all a safe return in the very near future.



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