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Year 11 Update

I know that from the last two days in particular you will be trying to make sense of what is happening.

As a group you will be feeling a whole variety of emotions. Understandably some of you will feel angry, sad, worried, confused or upset. You might not feel much at all and have that feeling of emptiness. None of these emotions would be an unusual way to feel and you certainly won't be the only one – like I said in assembly there are over 500,000 Year 11 students asking similar questions right now.

After two days of school updates and rapid change I know that when you wake on Monday you will feel strange. You will be frustrated with the sudden ending – it is likely that it has left you thinking that you have not been able to end school in the same way others in the past. It is important to not dwell on this and instead, focus on what fabulous memories and experiences you have had already. There is no need for these to be lost or forgotten. And please be assured that if it is at all possible to have a group celebration of your achievements and your time here at Holderness Academy Sixth Form College we will make it happen.

I know that normally you would come to the adults for answers, and it is unsettling for you to recognise that we don't have them all at the moment. But it doesn't mean that we are not going to help and I can advise that despite what you are hearing from the speculating media, a fair method will be reached for achieving qualifications that you require and deserve for the next step in your life. When there are further details on qualification certification I will release information to you and your family. Nobody currently knows what might be required in terms of course completion and I will be getting my information directly from Ofqual (Office of qualifications and examinations) and the DfE (Department for Education). It will be better for your mind if instead of worrying and focusing on the many scenarios that the media portray just keep working on revision and coursework completion – you have plenty available to you.

As you well know by now schools nationally have been closed to all students apart from those who have primary carers on the Key Worker list. Although this is the case, as a member of the Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College community we can still support you and you can still contact us on remoteteaching@holderness.academy

Put simply – I don't have all the answers right now, but we will keep you updated and we will help you get through this. After all you are still part of the Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College community and we are all in it together.

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