



# Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form

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Dear [name]

We know the uncertainty about the A Level and vocational examinations in the summer is causing concern. As you know, the Government are conducting a consultation to gather views on the proposals for how the grades will be awarded, which finishes this week. At the moment, we have the same questions as you. What will the assessment involve? When will the grades need to be submitted? What will be examined? We hope that we will know the answers to these questions within a few weeks.

What we do know is that the students still need to stay focussed and motivated to achieve good grades. Teachers will need to gather evidence from various pieces of work to support the estimation of a grade as students will not be taking external examinations. We do not yet know what evidence is required until the Government consultation has concluded. We will update you about what will happen as soon as we know more.

We are aware that some of you are putting yourselves under tremendous pressure and we are worried that this may be having a negative impact on some of you. The best thing that you can do is to continue attending and engaging in all lessons and completing the work set. Please do not worry that every piece of work will count towards the final grade. We improve by making mistakes and you need to continue to take risks in your learning as this is how you will make progress. Once we have had the guidance from the Government, we will make sure that the evidence used will give you the best chances of achieving good grades. So, you still have time to make a difference to your final grades, complete your courses and make sure you are well-prepared for the next steps after sixth form.

We know things are not easy for you at the moment, but we will do everything we can to support you. This includes support from tutors, revision help, and advice and guidance on careers and applications. If you are feeling worried or have any specific concerns, make sure you let your tutor, Mrs Watson, Mrs Brewis-Shephard or Mr Bridgwater know. We are here to help – do not suffer in silence. If you do have suggestions of other things that we could do to help, please let us know.

We very much hope to see you back in the sixth form soon, ready for a final push to the end of the year.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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