

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Dear Year 13 Students and Parents,

I am sure that you are now fully aware that this year's summer exam series, including A levels, have been cancelled as we fight to stop the spread of coronavirus.

I am writing to you today to provide some re-assurance during what I am sure is a very worrying time for you all.

Firstly, the government have announced that students will be awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in.

The exam boards will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible. The exam boards will be asking teachers to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.

To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and in class assessment. **It is therefore vitally important that all outstanding assignments and coursework, set by your class teacher, are completed to a high standard at home and submitted in line with the deadline set.**

It is also important to note that university representatives have confirmed that they expect universities to be flexible and do all they can to support students and ensure they can progress to higher education. Please consider your choices carefully and try not to be swayed by universities who have changed conditional offers to unconditional.

Although you will no longer be able to visit universities, as part of your research you should visit the university websites as many of them have 360 degree tours and videos, to help to get a feel for what campus, the facilities and accommodation is like. Universities also have plenty of videos on sites such as YouTube, so follow them on social media and see what other students are saying on www.thestudentroom.co.uk for further insight. Please don't forget that you must also continue to apply for your Student Finance.

If you have any concerns or queries directly relating to universities or student finance please contact Mrs Court on CCT@altrinchamcollege.com

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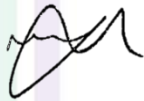
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Due to early closure last week, I have postponed spring reports which were due home on Friday 20th March. These reports will be published as soon as I have completed our internal checks.

We will continue to keep you informed with information we receive about exams and university admissions and support each of you as much as possible. As Ms Earle outlined in a letter home last week, we fully intend to find a time to celebrate your achievements and your time at Altrincham College at a safe and appropriate time in the future.

Finally, please continue to follow Government advice and stay safe at home. Wishing you and your families the very best.

Yours sincerely,



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