

23rd March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

We were incredibly proud of our Year 13 students last week when faced with such uncertainty. It is still a very testing time for all involved as we await further clarity and guidance. This letter outlines what we know so far and how we will continue to support your son or daughter. Despite not being physically present in the college they remain to be a much valued student of Melton Vale Sixth Form College.

Microsoft Teams

Subject teachers and the senior leadership team will communicate information via the Microsoft Teams platform. Your son or daughter are familiar with this communication methodology as it is used on a daily basis at the college as a method of communication. Their school email account will also remain live for communication to teachers.

Examinations

There will be no formal examinations this academic year.

Some students will have coursework that needs to be completed. Subject teachers will be confirming deadlines for this work via Microsoft Teams. Coursework completion is important in supporting grade allocation.

Grades

As we understand, the exam boards will be using government generated data alongside teacher assessment to award grades. Some students have contacted us worrying about the use of their January mock grades. Please be assured that mock grades alone will not be used to formulate a final grade. At this current time we not been given guidance on submission of grades or a timeline.

University Applications

Students are advised to ensure they can access their emails, have their UCAS login details and follow UCAS on social media for updates. We expect further information to come from UCAS over the next week as to how universities will proceed. Mrs Roberts will also share this information via the TEAMS 'Daily Channel'.

Student Finance

The deadline for student finance is 22nd May, we highly recommend you complete this application at your earliest opportunity if you have not done so already.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship opportunities are still being advertised and we will continue to support students. Students can continue to access Unifrog to keep their CV updated and LEBC continue to offer online support. Please contact Mrs Roberts via email if you need any assistance.

Exam Results

As of yet we do not know how results will be formally released. As soon as we have any information we will let you know.

Please be reassured that we will be doing our utmost to support your son or daughter over the coming weeks and will be working hard to ensure they are not disadvantaged by this untimely crisis. We will continue to give you updates as and when we receive them from the Department for Education. We will always communicate via an emailed letter with a copy on our website.

We are both so sad that our fabulous year 13 students were not able to finish their year off as intended. Formal examinations offer students the chance to shine and 'show off' all of their hard work and effort, it such a shame this is a missed opportunity. The annual prom is also a lovely way to end the year and say our farewells. Despite uncertain times we know that students from Melton Vale will be excellent ambassadors and go on to be successful in their chosen careers. This was clearly evident on Friday, seeing young people take the time to talk teachers and their friends about the future and their optimism.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to contact us over the coming weeks if you have any questions

Yours faithfully



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