



# CANSFIELD

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

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For our Year 11s,

You may well be aware that this week would have seen you complete your last GCSE exam, were it not for the Coronavirus pandemic. During this time, you have all been on our minds and, as I am sure you realise, the end of your time at Cansfield was as much of a shock for us as it was for you. All of you had worked incredibly hard and deserved to have your hard work recognised through the completion of an exam, which was so swiftly taken from you. Despite this you have all been incredibly resilient, facing your new circumstances with fortitude and resolve and it has been a delight to hear how you have filled this time – keeping yourself occupied by reading, preparing for college courses, gaming, serving your community, baking and completing fitness challenges to name some of the many ways you have kept yourselves occupied. But crucially, despite the shock of the announcement in mid-March, none of you gave up and you all kept going. The vast majority of you have had college courses already confirmed and in August you will receive your grades, but keep in mind that you are all far more than a number on a piece of paper. You were a wonderful Year group, both your attitude and work ethic was exemplary, and you have been missed dearly. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a number of issues.

## **Contact with the school**

As this week would have marked your last GCSE and with it your last day at Cansfield, the regular calls you have been receiving from staff will end. This said, we are all still here for you. You are welcome to contact me or any member of staff at the school if you need any support now or at any other stage. Just email the member of staff or ring in and we will be more than happy to speak with you.

## **Awarding of grades for summer 2020**

You are aware that this year following the cancellation of exams, schools are submitting centre-assessment grades for their students. These grades will then be put through a process of standardisation using a model being developed by Ofqual that will take into account a range of different factors. Students will receive grades, as they would normally, in August. For those who are not satisfied with the grades there will be an opportunity to sit exams in the new academic year, with arrangements for this yet to be announced.

## **GCSE Results Day**

Just a reminder that GCSE Results Day will be on Thursday 20th August 2020. As it stands, I intend for results to be given out at school, meaning that staff can be on

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hand to discuss your grades, offer support and celebrate with you. How this day unfolds will depend on the state of play with Coronavirus at that point and whether we are still socially distancing. Nearer the time we will provide further details.

### **Plan for prom**

In recent weeks a few of you have been in touch to ask whether we are still planning to have a prom and, if so, when it will be. We are still aiming to have a prom and you will recall that in your last assembly I said that I will fund it. We are awaiting a change in the current guidance that would mean that the prom could actually go ahead. I am aware that some other schools in our locality have already given dates for their rescheduled proms, but I am loath to get your hopes up with the possibility that we may need to cancel again. As soon as we know when we can move forward, we intend to book the prom and we can get going with preparations. I will update you on this as soon as I have any new information.

### **Plan for GCSE Awards Evening**

As with the prom, it is also our hope that we can have a GCSE Awards Evening. This is currently pencilled in for Thursday 3rd December. Again, if and how this evening takes place will depend on the situation with regard to Coronavirus at that point. We will contact you in the new academic year with details as things become clearer.

Beyond this I want to say again how proud we are of you all. As I hope you realise, we are looking forward to seeing you again as soon as we can. If, in the meantime, you have any questions, concerns or just want to pass a message on then please email me directly at [g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk).

Best wishes,



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