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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another extremely difficult academic year for all of our pupils with so much uncertainty and continually changing goalposts.

I wanted to send you all a letter about our first thoughts on exams for Y11's and the U6th in the next few months. We obviously wait to see the outcome of the government consultation and the impact that this might have on all schools in the summer series of assessments/exams. At LRGS we have done our own internal consultation with Heads of Departments about the next couple of months and we would like to pursue the following plan.

The first thing to say is that this is clearly dependent on when our Y11 & U6 pupils are allowed back into school, and no one can tell us the answer to that now and probably not for the next few weeks. We are keen to run two series of exam sessions for both these year groups in order that we can give the students as much chance to prove themselves as possible.

There clearly will be a summer series of internal exams, I would imagine towards the end of May and well into June. The government consultation may well have an impact on that series.

However, we are keen to try to get the first internal exam series in before Easter if possible. With this in mind and crucially provided that these students are back in school by March 8th at the latest, we propose to run these first exams in the weeks beginning March 15th and March 22nd. We feel that we need the pupils to be in school for at least 1 week before an exam series.

Having spoken to many students it is clear they are becoming increasingly anxious about the future plan for their exams and all the uncertainties. I hope this will now give them a real focus over the next crucial weeks and the first chance for them all to prove what they are capable of prior to Easter.

Of course, there has to be a possibility that we are not back to normal school for Y11's and the U6th by the 8th of March, in which case we will need to postpone this exam series to the first few weeks in summer.

For the small number of boarders who are currently overseas and might not be able to get back to school for these exams we intend to make special arrangements for them.

Many thanks for your continued support for all our pupils and LRGS.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M I Chambers
Deputy Head, Director of Studies