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Dear Year 11 student

I hope you and your family are safe and well.

The staff at Holly Lodge recognise that this is a very difficult and uncertain time for you all and that you may be feeling anxious about your final results. I wanted to reassure you that a great deal of time has been taken to ensure that the grades that are submitted are as close to a true reflection of your ability as possible. All departments have undertaken a rigorous, evidence-based process of predicting grades and rank ordering. These grades and rank orders have then been extensively moderated/quality assured by Heads of Department and Senior Leaders to ensure that predictions are precise and that no student is unfairly disadvantaged. We feel confident that the submission of grades is as accurate as possible. We now have to wait to see what the exam boards decide to do with this information as the decision about final grades ultimately lies with them.

Currently we are unable to share with you the arrangements for you to receive your exam results, but as in previous communication I urge you not to contact subject teachers to ask them, as they are not able to give you any information.

I know that many of you have contacted teachers about the opportunities to re sit exams in the Autumn Term. The decision to put a student in for a re sit lies with the school. I draw your attention to the information below, which has always been the case regarding re sit of exams:-

*'Students have no right of appeal to the exam board for the grades they receive.
The school can appeal but only in the way that would normally apply ie borderline decision'*

There are still a number of consultations regarding the exam outcomes, which are ongoing at a Governmental level and we will keep you updated as necessary, but as a school we want you to now focus on the next stages of your education, making sure that you have more than one option of study for September and that you are considering the right choices for you. If you need further guidance the Connexions Team can be contacted on sandwell_connexions@sandwell.gov.uk or 0121 569 2955 to speak to an Adviser. Connexions have provided two documents containing information for Year 11 students. These can be accessed here:

<https://www.holly-lodge.org/sites/default/files/ConnexionsYear11ContactUs.pdf>

and <https://www.holly-lodge.org/sites/default/files/ConnexionsYear11LockdownPlanner.pdf>



If you have applied to Holly Lodge Sixth Form and have been successful in being offered a provisional place- Mrs Dunn and her team will be in touch via email over the next week to arrange the start of your transition activities to prepare you for life in the Sixth Form, make sure you keep checking your email.

Please be assured we are here to support you and please do not hesitate to contact key staff if you feel you need assistance.

We will be in touch as soon as we have further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Shone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Mr P Shone
Headteacher