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Year 11 and Year 13

Dear parent or carer,

As I am sure you are aware, the government is yet to release definitive arrangements for the awarding of GCSE and A Level grades this academic year.

Whatever the final arrangements, our priority will be to make sure pupils are fully supported to successfully move on to the next stage of their lives, whether that be joining our Sixth Form, higher education, apprenticeships or employment.

Given the remaining opportunities to engage with learning and the likely significance of teacher and future internal assessment in the awarding of grades, I am sure you will be keen to ensure your son or daughter continues to fully engage with their work and assessment throughout the period of formal school closure. Essentially, to simply think 'exams are cancelled' and that no further work is required is a considerable mistake.

We will continue to conduct frequent and regular checks of which pupils are accessing work appropriately and will contact parents where we identify a lack of engagement.

If you are experiencing significant barriers to engaging with work due to a lack of access to appropriate technology, please contact Senior Assistant Headteacher, Miss Sullivan, at dsullivan@netherstowe.com to discuss the support we may be able to provide.

As soon as the final guidance is released, we will, naturally, provide further updates and outline the implications for our students.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr G Langston-Jones Headteacher













