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Dear Parent/Carer,

UPDATE FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS/CARERS

As we approach the Half Term break, I wanted to email with a few updates relating to Year 10 students.

Work Experience

Unfortunately, given the ongoing restrictions, Year 10 students will not be able to engage in their Work Experience placements (15-19th June) and this is now formally cancelled for all students.

This does mean that we are able to refund the administration fee that has been paid, this being £25 or £33 depending on the nature of the placement. These refunds will be processed after Half Term, with money returned automatically to Parentpay accounts. For any who didn't pay via Parentpay, you will be contacted by our Finance Department in due course to arrange the refund.

Year 10 Trial Exams

We are now able to confirm that there will be no formal Year 10 Trial Exams this academic year, either virtually or if a return to school is possible. Students have been informed of this in an assembly message this week.

It is still possible that students will be set assessments within their usual lessons, but staff will provide clear instructions and information should this be the case.

Year 10 Level 3 Algebra Award Grades

During the course of Year 10, there have been 64 students in Year 10 working towards the 'Edexcel Level 3 Award in Algebra', with a formal exam due to have taken place in early May. We are now able to advise that, in line with processes for GCSE and A-Level students, there is now guidance that "Centre Assessed Grades" will be issued for this Algebra Award.

This means that recommended grades will be submitted to the exam board and they will issue grades to students for this course. Due to the nature of this particular qualification, this will be "Pass" or "Ungraded".



Please note that, as with Year 11 and 13, we are prohibited from entering into any dialogue with students and parents around Centre Assessed Grades as we are required to maintain confidentiality by Ofqual.

We have sent an email to the students in the affected classes today to explain this situation and to give a little bit more detail about the process. Please do read this email with your son/daughter and we hope it will answer any questions.

Pastoral Support

Whilst writing, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank Year 10 students for their ongoing dedication, determination and hard work in such challenging circumstances.

I remain available at richard.davis@sandringham.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions or concerns regarding your son/daughter's wellbeing or progress.

Yours sincerely,

Rich Davis
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