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Dear Parents / Guardians of Year 13 Students

As you know, yesterday Dr Smallwood took the unprecedented move to close the school to most students. The year groups that will have felt it most keenly are those due to sit exams this year, our Year 11s and Year 13s – this clearly wasn't the ending of years of school-based education that any of us were expecting. We're sure the Year 13s will be disappointed to miss the opportunity to celebrate their hard work and achievements with their peers, teachers and other staff, and we are sad not to be able to celebrate and congratulate them at this time. However, we know they see the reality of the situation here and will deal with it with maturity, foresight and resolve going forwards.

The end of their time here, their transition from children to adults, and all the memories and friendships that have developed over the years, should, of course, be marked. We have no time frame with which to work at this stage, but once we are provided with a clearer picture nationally then we will consider the options available and hopefully give them something more positive to remember.

Congratulations to them, and you, for everything they have achieved so far.

For now, we await the government's further announcements and will correspond accordingly when we know more.

Kindest regards and best wishes to you and your family that you are all safe and well at this challenging time.

The Sixth Form Team  
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