



Dear all

I hope you are all keeping well, staying safe and looking after one another in your families. Obviously this is an incredibly stressful time for everybody but the most important thing is to look after your loved ones. You conducted yourselves tremendously last week, and were a real credit to your parents.

I appreciate that Year 11 and Year 13 students have the added stress of the examinations not taking place and the uncertainty over grades. Please be assured that we are discussing this daily and as soon as the government make clear how they want this to work we will do everything to support all of you and to make sure you get the recognition for all of your hard work.

Thank you to everybody working hard at home on the tasks being set by your teachers and please don't let yourselves be overwhelmed if you log on and see several pieces of work set. You can only do one thing at a time and we appreciate that many of you may be helping to look after younger siblings and helping your parents each day. Teachers will be patient but obviously want you to keep going so that when we finally return to school none of you have slipped behind. I know I take a few days to get up and running after the summer holidays each year and this break may well be longer than 6 weeks so do keep busy, active and make sure your brains get lots of exercise. But do not get overwhelmed, as I said.

Your teachers and support staff are still working incredibly hard and want to help you.

Best wishes to you all and keep supporting one another. Check in on your friends each day and try to discuss the work being set with them so you are sharing ideas – you will learn so much from each other.

Take care
Mr Palmer