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Dear Year 11 Students

These are exceptional times for everyone, not just for young people like you, and we all need to play our part. Make sure that first and foremost you are adhering to Government advice and guidelines on social distancing, isolation if you need to, and hygiene measures that protect us all. Do not put yourselves or others at risk of infection. Your health and the health of family, friends and your community is paramount.

For Year 11 this is an uncertain time. You will all be going through different emotions at the prospect of not sitting exams. You and your teachers have been planning for these exams for years and suddenly you are being denied that opportunity. You are being denied your leavers' day/prom and the chance to say goodbye and properly thank your teachers and peers. The summer's leavers' events have been postponed but not cancelled – we will still say goodbye properly at some stage.

Remember that there are hundreds of thousands of students in the same position as you; not that this will make you feel better; it will merely reassure you that you are not alone. The situation is unprecedented but we have to accept that events are outside our control but normality will return and your futures will be assured.

As you are aware, a letter was sent to all Year 11 students/parents on 25.03.20 from Mr Way outlining the next steps for post 16 options. Please be assured that we are fully committed to supporting you in gaining a place at college/an apprenticeship or the wider world of work, if you have chosen not to return to The Chalfonts Community College in September following the Year 11 Progress Interviews that you have all had. Mr Way is currently working hard to ensure that if you have elected to remain at The Chalfonts Community College the right evidence is collated to prove that you are a suitable candidate for the subjects that you have selected. As he stated in his letter, please bear with us whilst this happens; you will receive notification of your place in due course.

The Government priority, and The Chalfonts Community College shares this, is to ensure that no young person faces a barrier when it comes to moving onto the next stage of their lives; whether that is 6<sup>th</sup> Form, college or employment. As a school we want to ensure that you all have bright futures and that no-one is disadvantaged as a result of this international crisis.

Please remember that you will be awarded a grade this summer by the exam boards, not by The Chalfonts Community College. The grade should reflect the work that you have put in. The Chalfonts Community College, like every school in the country, will make a judgement about the grade that we believe you would have received if exams had gone ahead. We will know more about the exact method of doing this on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 following a Government announcement to all educational settings. We do know however, that it will be objective and robust. As a school, we have collated data and evidence over the last three years of your GCSE course and we always ask teachers for a Final Predicted Grade; much of which is based on mock/trial exams; coursework for BTEC and non-exam assessments.

In order for The Chalfonts Community College to justify the best possible grade for each student it is paramount that you:

- Continue to complete the tasks set by your teachers and meet all the deadlines set
- Teachers will make a prediction based on the work you have done so far and the work you complete during the period of school closure



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- It is essential that you complete the set tasks to the best of your ability as these could form part of your predicted grade
- Keep all your work in a safe, secure place as it may need to be submitted to the exam boards as evidence
- Keep working hard and have high expectations of yourself
- Departments will continue to set you assignments/assessments as they have done so throughout the past three years of your GCSEs
- Please remember that it is the responsibility of the exam boards to ultimately decide on your grades, not The Chalfonts Community College.

For those of you who intend to go to college in September, the following information will apply to you:

### **Information : Local College Applications**

In these unprecedented times, the local colleges want to reassure Yr11 students who have submitted an application or are thinking about applying for a course. Please see their statements below:

### **Windsor-Forest Group – Langley College, Windsor College & Strode College**

We are continuing to handle applications as usual and if you have any queries about the status of your application please contact [admissions@windsor-forest.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@windsor-forest.ac.uk)

### **Henley College**

**2020 Applicants** - please be reassured that there is a place for you at The Henley College and there is no reason to be anxious or worried. We are here to support your progression regardless of the wider circumstances. Please get in touch with [admissions@henleycol.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@henleycol.ac.uk) if you have any concerns or worries. We are here for you. If you have an upcoming interview for The Henley College, the Admissions Team will be in touch in due course with further information, so please check your emails. If you have any queries, please contact [admissions@henleycol.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@henleycol.ac.uk)

### **BCA**

For any applicant who has an interview booked between Monday 23rd March through to Friday 3rd April, please be aware that these are now cancelled. You will be contacted shortly to make alternative arrangements but in the meantime, please be patient whilst we address this situation.

**Uxbridge College and Bucks College Group** have not provided an update as yet.

If you would like any assistance completing a college application form or have any career related queries please email: Andrea Gilbey – [andrea.gilbey@chalfonts.org](mailto:andrea.gilbey@chalfonts.org) or Christine Sanders – [christinesanders@chalfonts.org](mailto:christinesanders@chalfonts.org) Our Careers Counsellor from Adviza is also available to offer guidance and assistance; she can be contacted by email to arrange a telephone appointment: [TaraLatter@adviza.org.uk](mailto:TaraLatter@adviza.org.uk)

We know that many of you will feel disappointed about not being able to take exams this summer; but please be reassured; we'll do all we can to help you. In the meantime, keep working and revising so that there are no gaps in your education during this period of unrest.

Look after yourselves and your families – your health and happiness is paramount.

Kind regards

**Russell Denial**  
Principal

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Vice Principal



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