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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Students - Further Details on the exam situation for Year 10

Following the decision to close schools and not proceed with this summer's public exams, this is an update on the exams you were planning to take at the end of this year. For all of you this will be a worrying time and I am sure you want to have some clarity, particularly regarding the English Literature exam, which was scheduled for this summer. The following is a summary of what has been decided to date:

- Year 10 will now complete their English Literature exams at the end of Year 11
- The same applies to all their other subjects. It is essential that they continue with all tasks set by their teachers to make sure they cover the Year 10 curriculum and are well prepared for Year 11
- The expectation is that our current Year 10 students' grades will be decided by final exams in the summer of 2021
- Teachers are setting work to prepare students as best they can in the current situation

It is important that students continue to work on all learning tasks set by their subject teachers. Please check your Gmail messages and Google Classrooms as well as the packs being sent home. Where possible, students should finish off any outstanding pieces of Non Examined Assessment, coursework, portfolio work, and assignments as directed by subject teachers. You are expected to keep a record, whether in an exercise book or in google drive of the work that you are completing for all subjects. Please direct any queries to Mat Grafton (m.grafton@osb.school) who will take responsibility for the current Year 10 and 11 groups.

I hope this information will answer some of your questions – but I appreciate that you may still have some. As we receive further clarification on this matter, we will communicate it with you, as this is an unsettling time for us all. Working together, we will ensure that all the hard work by students, staff and yourselves will all be worthwhile and that the students will receive the grades they need to progress to the next stage of their lives.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely

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