

# Dormers Wells High School

## MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very grateful to our Head of School, Mr. Fenlon, who spent a good part of his recent holiday studying the final guidance we received at the very end of last term from the Joint Council of Qualifications about the actions schools must take to award GCSE, A Level and BTEC grades to students in Years 11 and 13 at the end of the year.

There is a useful overview of the guidance and what we have been asked to do in [JCQ's Guide to parents and students](#), so please read this and come back to us if you have any questions. As you can imagine this is a huge task for our Senior Leaders, Curriculum Leaders, and teachers as they have to quality assure and moderate over four hundred student's exams and coursework. To support this work, we will be having a moderation day and therefore the **school will be closed for face-to-face teaching on the 24th of May 2021.** On this day students in all year groups will work from home and receive online learning.

Supporting our Year 11 and 13 students is a top priority for us this term. I am so proud of them for the way they have responded with commitment and drive to the changes we have had to introduce because of the pandemic. Throughout the process of change, which we have all experienced, Year 11 and 13 students have asked sensible questions, shared their ideas, and worries in a mature manner and more than anything else, worked extraordinarily hard.

To all students, parents and members of staff involved in the 'last push' for Year 11 and 13 this year – thank you for everything you are doing.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh  
Headteacher

