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Dear Parent /Carer,

The news that school will now be closed until January 29th at the earliest and potentially up until February half term has had an understandable knock on affect to the planned assessments (in place of the usual exams), scheduled to begin in February.

These planned assessments towards this summer's GCSE exam grades, have now been cancelled. The second set of assessments due to go ahead in the summer term may still happen but this is yet to be confirmed.

Qualifications Wales has said:-

"We know that learners need clarity about how they will be assessed and there will be clarity on revised arrangements soon.

"The Minister's Design and Delivery Advisory Group will now be considering the way forward and more detailed information about revised arrangements will be made available shortly."

Currently, therefore, we don't know what the summer assessments are going to look like or when they will happen. As soon as we have anything confirmed we will inform you all.

In the meantime, it is vital that Year 11 keep up with their online learning and keep their focus and motivation. I know this is not easy but, like last year, teacher assessment of the grades that a pupil can achieve is going to become a major factor in the grades that are finally awarded. The more there is to assess, the better.

If you have any enquiries or questions about specific subjects, please contact the individual subject teachers concerned. Any other enquiries please contact Mr Fleet.

Not the start of the year any of us would have wished for but I am sure we can still make it a successful one for all the pupils in Year 11.

I hope that you all remain safe and have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. B. Thomas'.

Mr D B Thomas
Headteacher

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