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Dear Parents/Carers

As teaching and learning has currently been moved online we have made some adjustments to our usual assessment processes.

Your child has received their report in their school email. Reports in Y7-9 focus on effort grades only and staff will return to formalised assessments when students return to the physical classroom.

Y10 and Y11 have attainment predictions and effort grades as students have continued to study GCSE or BTEC qualifications throughout the closure.

We have amended the criteria for effort to reflect the online experience.

### Effort grades

**Effort (E1-E4).** Teachers will use their professional judgement to give each student an effort grade which best fits how well that student is engaging with their learning at home (or in-school for those who are accessing school). This will provide a clear indication of the work ethic in particular lessons.

<b>E1</b> - Outstanding Effort with remote learning	Learners have high levels of engagement with remote learning. They regularly submit work that is of a high standard and demonstrates their learning. They always engage in virtual lessons and Google Classroom tasks. They likely participate well in online discussions, respond to questioning and feedback, trying their best with quizzes and other forms of learning checks. Praise is needed for these students.
<b>E2</b> - Good Effort with remote learning	Learners have good levels of engagement with remote learning and engage well in Google Classroom tasks. There is evidence that learning is taking place through participation, contributions to classes, and responses to tasks set. Some good quality work has been submitted.
<b>E3</b> - Some effort with remote learning	Learners are accessing some remote learning. They sometimes engage in Google Classroom tasks but need to participate more. Some work has been submitted, but more effort could be made.
<b>E4</b> - Concerns over effort with remote learning	Very limited engagement with remote learning demonstrated. Little/No work submitted. This is a concern.

### Parents' Evening

COVID-19 operating procedures within academies will affect Parents' Evenings this academic year. The academy will organise virtual events and the details of how these will be shared with you. This may affect the frequency of events but it will still provide opportunity for important conversations with our teaching staff.

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## **Accessing online lessons for Year 10 & 11**

It is essential that students access their learning online. Staff will be asked to predict students' grades for terminating subjects and to do this they need evidence. Grades cannot be predicted without evidence to back up. Teaching staff will be setting Key Indicator Pieces to allow them to make judgements, or they will be issuing coursework which must be completed in a timely manner. If students do not complete this work, then grades cannot be awarded. Teachers and Learning Managers will be in touch to update you on your child's current position where we are concerned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Colledge-Smith', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Colledge-Smith

Principal