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Dear Year 13 Students and Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are keeping well in these difficult times and that you've been able to enjoy the recent sunshine.

I can guess how difficult it has been since your school careers ended so dramatically. I have a daughter who is in her final year at university and she is fuming about missing all the end of term celebrations and the marking of a significant rite of passage. Rest assured that we will aim to mark the class of 2020 with some appropriate events when all this is over. In the meantime, if you would like me to explore ordering a leavers' hoodie let me know via email and I'll start the ball rolling.

We also appreciate that not sitting exams is a mixed blessing. As you know, the government and exam boards have put arrangements in place to award fair grades and these will be issued in the normal way in August. A reminder of the Ofqual guidance shared with you on 3rd April as well as a helpful explanation video for students.

https://thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/LettersParents/2019-2020/2020.04-Summer_2020_Grades_-_GCSE_AS_and_A_Level.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=youtu.be>

As far as universities are concerned there will be a few issues to resolve but I know they are working hard to make sure that you will not be disadvantaged by the current situation. Be sure to check that you have made your final choices, have thought about accommodation and have made your student finance applications.

I'm sure you are finding productive ways to fill your time but if I were an employer in the future one of my first questions for the class of 2020 would be 'what did you do during the enforced Covid19 lay off? '

Here are some suggestions:

- Do a MOOC – Future Learn <https://www.futurelearn.com> is the best provider and has some brilliant online courses
- Keep a diary/blog/vlog
- Watch some classic films and documentaries
- Search out some interesting podcasts
- Develop a new skill at home
- Volunteer in some way

Should any of you have any questions or anything you need support with please contact me via email at school and I look forward to seeing you all again soon



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