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Dear Year 11,

Cancellation of GCSE Exams 2020

We know that the closure of the Academy and the cancellation of your exams this year is very hard for you. Many of you have been preparing and working for these exams for some time and may feel cheated of the opportunity to show what you could achieve in your exams. In addition, all of the rites of passage like the final assembly, T shirt signing and the Prom that mark the end of your 5 years in secondary education have had to be put on hold. We will do what we can to celebrate your time at the Academy when the situation improves.

Government advice is not clear at the moment, but it seems likely that Year 11 students will be awarded qualifications based on teacher assessment, mock exams and a calculation that takes account of the fact that most of you would have improved upon your mock exam performance by the time you took the real thing. You may have the opportunity to take an exam later in the year, if you wish to take the chance to improve your grades. We know that you are anxious about gaining the best qualifications possible, just be comforted that everyone is in the same situation and you know that we are fighting your corner.

Unfortunately, we were unable to complete all the Year 11 interviews before having to close. For any of you who have not had an interview, we will be in contact in the coming weeks to discuss choices for September and provide any advice and guidance you may need.

Our Careers and Enterprise Manager is Monika O'Neill and you can e-mail her on Monika.ONeill@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk if you need support with your next steps. We appreciate that this is a worrying and confusing time for all of you. We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are really looking forward to welcoming all of you who have applied for our sixth form and who meet the entry requirements for the courses you have chosen. You will be able to log onto Unifrog which will enable you to look at university courses and apprenticeships, log-in



information will be e-mailed out to you using your school email address. Please regularly check your school e-mails for communication from your teachers, apprenticeship opportunities, updates on college courses and other useful information.

Work is being posted via Teams and Share Point through links on our website. Please keep on top of your studying. You might want to learn something entirely new in these uncertain times. There are a lot of MOOCs (massive open online learning courses) available. These are courses of study over the internet made available for free to a large number of people. Just Google MOOC.

Take great care of yourselves and your families.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeanette Mackie'.

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