



MULLION SCHOOL

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in the
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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am sure that you and your child are concerned after last night's government announcements regarding exams. Firstly, can I reassure Year 11 students that all their revision and hard work to date is not lost. Essentially, at the moment we do not know how the GCSE exams are going to be replaced. Therefore, I need all Year 11 students to continue working to the very best of their abilities, engaging with their teachers in their online lessons and completing work set. This is because Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education has announced that schools will be asked to award Teacher Assessed Grades, and so staff will need as much evidence from students as possible, to add to that collected since September and previously.

We regret that inevitably with a full lockdown we must indefinitely cancel any scheduled PPEs (Pre Public Exams) which includes the GCSE Music Mocks in February. Again, students need to pour their energies into their online lessons and producing work to the highest standard possible for their class teachers.

Mr Johnson said *"We recognise that this will mean it's not possible or fair for all exams to go ahead this summer, as normal,"*

BBC news reported that *"GCSEs and A-levels will be cancelled - and that the exam watchdog Ofqual will make "alternative arrangements" for delivering results."*

For all those students expecting to sit a real exam in the next two weeks we have sought clarification from the exam boards. Following this, and discussions with colleagues across schools and colleges in Cornwall, we have made the decision to cancel the upcoming vocational exams students were due to sit in the next fortnight. These are Btec Sports, I Media and Hospitality and Catering.

I understand that you and your child may feel unsettled by these events but can I please reiterate the importance that all Year 11 students continue working to the very best of their abilities, engaging with their teachers in their online lessons and completing work set. It is extremely likely we will be back in school before the end of the academic year and that teachers will need evidence of the quality of work and level of knowledge and understanding of each pupil taking their subject.

Please contact us enquiries@mullionschool.org.uk if there is anything else that we can do. Please rest assured that as soon as I have further information about exams or assessment I will contact those affected immediately.

Very best wishes,

Wayne Randle - Headteacher

