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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

The past year has been the most challenging year schools have ever faced and supporting our students to achieve their potential in this context has been the focus of all our efforts at St. Michael's.

Now that our Year 11 students have completed their mock examinations with such determination and focus we are ready to move forward to the last stage of their education here at St. Michael's. It is therefore imperative that we approach the next 5 months with optimism, confidence and ambition to be fully ready to embark on Post-16 courses successfully.

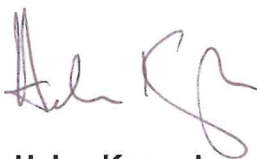
We still do not fully know how the final exams will be administered but we do know that there will be some assessments carried out in the Summer and that these will be vital in awarding the final grades for the GCSEs. We will communicate immediately as soon as we have clarity on this.

Meanwhile I want to thank you all for your continued support for the protocols that we have been setting up at St. Michael's – from collecting mock papers to engaging fully with the live lessons and accessing the career's advice that has been offered.

If you have any concerns please do contact the Academy where Mr Hall and Mr Tate are working very closely with students.

Thank you again for working so closely with the school and I look forward with great anticipation to meeting you in person and celebrating all the achievements of our wonderful Year 11 students.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Keough
Headteacher