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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Firstly, I hope you are well. It is unfortunate that most Year 9 students are not able to attend school at the moment. However, we are looking forward to welcoming students back to school as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to engage with the remote learning being set. We know that this is not the same as being in school, but please be assured that staff are working hard to provide the best learning they can, including as many zoom lessons as possible. The majority of students are engaging well with remote learning. We would like to thank these students, and also the many parents/guardians who are supporting home learning, often in difficult circumstances. This is greatly appreciated.

Year 9 Assessments, Reports and Options

In the school calendar, Year 9 assessments are scheduled for the weeks beginning 18th and 25th January. It is important that these assessments go ahead. Due to the current restrictions, most students will not be able to complete these assessments in school as originally planned. Instead, teachers will set assessments for students to complete at home. In Frog, teachers will assign revision and preparation as homework, and indicate when each assessment will take place. Clearly, students completing assessments at home is not the same as doing so in school. Where possible, it would be helpful if a parent/guardian could supervise to ensure that assessments are completed in line with teacher instructions. However, we understand that this may not always be possible.

It is important for these assessments to go ahead so that teachers can provide you with an up to date report on your child's attainment. Screening reports will be sent to you soon after February half-term. The information in this report will help students and parents/guardians when making options choices. The options process will go ahead as scheduled in March. In advance of this, you will receive all the information you need in order to support your child during the options process.

Usually, each student has an individual meeting with a Senior Leader to support them in making options choices. Parents/guardians are invited to these meetings. Hopefully, by March, it will be safe to have these meetings face to face in school. However, if this is not possible, we will make alternative arrangements to ensure that students and parents receive the information, advice and guidance required.

Thanks again for your continued support. I will be in touch again soon regarding the screening reports and options process.

Yours faithfully

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