



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

24th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers and Pupils of Year 11

Friday was a sad day for lots of reasons but particularly for you as your GCSE year came to a close far earlier than expected and without the celebrations we all enjoy. It was a very emotional day for pupils and staff alike.

You have all worked very hard and we are so very proud of you. I was very impressed with the pragmatic, positive and mature way you accepted the situation although we had few details at the time to set your minds at ease.

I am pleased to say now that the Department for Education and Ofqual have issued some information and a Q/A section which I hope might answer some of the questions that you have.

This can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

The Prime Minister stated in his announcement last week that our young people will have the opportunity to gain the qualification they deserve. I want to reassure you that my staff and I will do whatever it takes to ensure this happens for our Year 11.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Bellerive family in September as we embark together on Year 12 and the next phase of your education and learning.

We are committed to having an end of exams assembly and get together to celebrate. Exactly when that will be and what it will look like very much depends on the national situation and I will keep you updated.

It is important that you maintain a routine in the coming weeks and continue with the work set by your teachers in preparation for your future studies. We will be putting some work together for you in some of your chosen A level subjects that will stand you in good stead for next year, whether you choose to stay at Bellerive or not.

I am sure that you are heeding the Government advice to stay at home and not to get together with your friends or congregate in large groups. This advice is so important if we are to save lives and return to normal living as soon as possible.

The entire staff at Bellerive are keeping you and your families in our prayers. I wish you health and peace of mind at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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