



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

24th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers and Students of Year 13

Friday was a sad day for lots of reasons but particularly for you as your time at Bellerive 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. This was very much in evidence at the impromptu singalong in the Bistro on Friday afternoon which showed our care for each other and the Bellerive spirit in action. Our values of Excellence, Hope, Dignity, Gentleness, Justice, Companionship shone through. Never forget them and let them be your guiding principles through life.

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 13.

Please continue to keep in touch with the sixth form pastoral team with your queries regarding the next stage of your education or career. We would love to keep in touch and will continue to help you. I know that Mrs Walker has been in touch with many of you already.

I am sure you are very disappointed that your prom has had to be cancelled and know that many of you were working to get that organised and coordinated.

We are committed to having a Leavers' Mass 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.

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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