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Dear Parents / Carers

I listened to last night's broadcast with a heavy heart. I know that a further lockdown is not what any of us wanted.

There are still several areas to be confirmed - not least examination arrangements for Years 11 and 13 and mass testing for staff and students.

On exams, I am very proud of how hard our students have worked and I can only hope that this is duly recognised and rewarded. I will continue to lobby for a process that is fair and reasonable and allows progression to the right 6th Form, College, University or Apprenticeship. However students' knowledge and skills will be assessed, I would urge students to continue to work hard between now and the summer, as it is important that young people thrive at their next stage and that means every piece of work and every lesson will make a difference.

On mass testing, I will wait to see what the revised plans look like for when students return. It is a complicated process to set up although I recognise the potential benefits it would bring. As before, we will require consent before we would test anyone.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your support with remote education. Please let me know if you feel that there is more that we can do to support your child.

I look forward to welcoming students back to TBS as soon as circumstances safely allow.

Best wishes

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