



# Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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## Year 11 Information

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please accept our apologies for the letter regarding attendance that you received today. This was in preparation for the Year 11 Parents' Evening but is now superseded by the current school closure.

We are aware that this is an unsettling time for Year 11, with many unanswered questions about next steps and in particular what will replace GCSE examinations. In truth we cannot answer many of the questions ourselves yet, as we are awaiting further clarification from Ofqual about the nature of any alternative assessment. We will continue to write to you and let you know of any updates, so please bear with us through this challenging time.

Rest assured that we always act in the best interests of our pupils and will support them (and you) throughout. As a school we are determined to continue to provide high quality remote education for all our pupils, and to provide Year 11 with the support, resources and learning needed for them to finish their current courses and to prepare for their next steps. It is important that they continue to complete all remote learning tasks as the work they do now may help to support future grades. Pupils themselves should also be reassured that we never make any judgments based on single pieces of work. If pupils know that they have been working and achieving well, it's a matter of carrying on. If they feel they could be doing better, they still have the chance to really show their teachers what they know and can do.

Year 11 reports will be issued next week ready for parents evening. Pupils are also receiving their mock results over the next few days from their teachers. Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you on Thursday 14th January. It may be that you have follow-up questions that you do not have time to ask during the parents evening, in which case please do contact subject teachers by email if necessary.

We will also be conducting interviews with all Year 11 pupils to discuss their future plans from the week beginning 18th January. We will write to pupils with more detail on this next week but every pupil will have a 15 minute interview with a member of staff where they can talk through plans for next year and have any questions answered. These will be held using Zoom. Full details about the timings and the preparation needed for these interviews will be in the letter. We very much look forward to this opportunity to discuss with our pupils their next steps.

As ever, thank you for your support and patience. Events are moving at pace around us, and government announcements can have unpredictable consequences, but we will always do our best for the school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood  
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

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