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Dear families,

I hope that the current assessment period is not proving too stressful for you as a family! As you know, Y13 students have been asked to complete assessments for all their A Level and AS courses, though, due to the current situation, these assessments are being completed in a way that is slightly unusual. Please do let me know if you have any concerns about your son / daughter's ability to access or complete these assessments.

I know how difficult this time must be for you, as parents of young adults, who are under immense amounts of pressure. They are experiencing yet more disruption to their education, at a time which really feels crucial for their future directions. On top of this, there is the emotional and social difficulties which arise out of a lockdown situation, and the logistics of containing at least one teenager inside for most of the day!

So, I raise my hat to you, balancing the needs of all your family members, and ensuring that our students are also attending lessons, completing homework and assessments, and generally looking after them so well. If you need support with any of this, please do let me know. We might not be able to solve all your problems, but we may be able to help with applications for financial support; referrals for counselling; ideas for safe indoors physical activity etc.

You will, quite rightly, have many questions about the impact of school closure on your son / daughter - what it means for their qualifications, their UCAS applications etc. I would like to invite you to a zoom meeting on Monday (link below), so that Dr Smith, Ms Landreth and I can take you through the current situation and answer any questions you may have. If you have specific questions, please do email me in advance, so I can collate these and address them within the meeting - though we will also be addressing questions raised in this meeting.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/91885639355?pwd=Q3RrRE5qUDRsV1BTZWtIWHi3VW1DQT09>

**Meeting ID: 918 8563 9355 Passcode: 871EHf**

Have a good weekend - and please congratulate both yourselves and your children - on your resilience.

In kindness,

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