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Dear students and parents/guardians,

I wanted to update you with the way we will be moving forward over the next few weeks.

As you are aware, we were planning on doing a progression exam before Easter to make sure you had the best feedback possible from your teachers and personal tutor about your courses. Since we have been unable to do this, we have decided to look at all the work you have done this year to check progress and make sure no one is at risk of failing at the end of their courses. Very, very few students will not be in a position to progress to the second year or maintain their current programme of study, but we are letting you and your parents/guardians know what we will be doing instead of the progression exam.

On the week beginning 18 May, teachers will be looking to see who in their classes might be at risk of not being able to progress into the second year. They will look at work that has been completed since September. As I have said in a previous communication with you, it is important to keep communicating with your teachers and tutor if you have any issues that might be impacting on your ability to do the work that has been set.

If at the end of this process we are concerned about your programme of study, then we will contact you and your parents/guardians to let them know; you will then have a conversation with your teacher and tutor to discuss the best way forward.

Remember that communication with your teachers is essential. We want to reassure you that, although we have had lockdown, we are still functioning as a college and that means that we are still able to give you support and guidance.

The staff have been very impressed with the way that you have handled this very challenging situation. It has not been easy for either you or your teachers, but I think it is fair to say that we have all risen to the challenge in whatever way we have been able to.

Best wishes,

Catherine Cole
Principal