

Dear Student, Parent or Carer

I hope you are well and have been able to adjust to the sudden changes over recent days. I'm sure you've got very mixed feelings and it wouldn't be at all surprising if you're find some things hard to get used to.

You're probably particularly concerned about examination grades, and we are expecting to hear about the government's approach to this in the next day or so. We will let you know the details as soon as we possibly can.

In the meantime, it is very important that students remain in regular contact with the UTC as we need to know that students are safe and well when at home, and that they are continuing to access an appropriate education.

We are going to ask therefore that all year 11 students get in touch with the UTC on a daily basis. We would like them please to go onto Microsoft Teams and access the Channel called **Year 11 Check-in between 9.30 - 11am Monday - Friday**. All they need to do is send/post a short message to Nicola Cretney or Ben Williams who will be monitoring the check-in. They will be available to answer any questions and talk to any student who is feeling anxious.

If we don't hear from individual students, we will follow this up with contact to parents. We hope you will understand that this is purely so that we can fulfill our safeguarding duties at this difficult time. Your support would be appreciated.

Students can continue to access work via the UTC website at <https://academytrust.sgscol.ac.uk/sgs-berkeley-green-utc/curriculum/working-from-home> and we would encourage all of them to use this time wisely to continue to develop their study skills. Gareth Lister (Deputy Headteacher) will be in touch with further advice about the kinds of study that would be appropriate for each student depending on their progression choices for September.

Finally, this is a reminder that the Easter holidays start on Friday of next week, and staff will not be available during the vacation period. If you have any questions, please let us know before Thursday to ensure that we have chance to answer you in good time.

Wishing you all a lovely day

Louise
Headteacher