



## Orchard Park High School

"Inspiring Lives, Building Futures"

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Y11 Students,

I am sure you will have seen in the news that the exams have been postponed/cancelled for the summer season. It is, as yet, unclear how the Department for Education will fulfil their promise that children will get the qualifications they need.

I recognise that this can be an unnerving time, whilst we wait to see what measures will be put in place in order to ensure students achieve the results that reflect their ability. As you can imagine, we are also anxious to understand what actions will be taken. This morning's Y11 assembly was humbling to hear the concerns and questions that your children had around course completion and work submission processes. While we don't have the answers yet, we can commit to you that, as soon as we receive exam guidance, we will communicate this immediately to you.

What we do know is that our Year 11 are in extremely good shape and will therefore be able to quickly adapt to whatever advice is given by the Department for Education over the coming days. We are also agile as an organisation and will make sure that even in these unprecedented and uncertain times, our students have a better chance of success than if they attended any other school in the country. To this end we have produced detailed work packs for your children to work through and we will send more information out in the coming days about how they can best maximise their time.

Finally, I want to reassure you that we will be fighting for justice for your children. It isn't their fault that we are in this situation and I want to reassure you that I will be doing everything within my power and that of the Greenshaw Learning Trust to make sure that your son/daughter receives recognition for what they have worked so hard for.

Yours faithfully,

Geraldine Smyrk  
Associate Head teacher



GREENSHAW  
LEARNING TRUST



ORCHARD PARK  
HIGH SCHOOL



HEALTHY SCHOOLS  
LONDON



Orchard Way, Shirley, Croydon CR0 7NJ

T: 020 8776 0220

F: 020 8777 3904

E: [admin@orchardparkhigh.net](mailto:admin@orchardparkhigh.net)

W: [www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk](http://www.orchardparkhigh.co.uk)