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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are all well at this difficult time and that your child has been able to engage effectively in the online learning the school is providing. I am writing to you today to remind you about the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday. As you are aware we are conducting the Parents' Evening online. We did trial our software earlier this term in our Year 10 Parents' Evening, however for some staff this will be their first time in using this programme and I ask that you bear with us if there are any technical issues. If you do experience any problems please email mtitheradge@theappletonschool.org and we will endeavour to assist you. Please be aware that the software programme we are using will end your session with a teacher after 5 minutes. This can be very disconcerting if you are mid-sentence! Please be prepared for this as the teacher cannot extend the session. The feedback from Year 10 parents was that this was a very efficient use of parents' time. I hope you have the same experience on Thursday evening.

I know however the one piece of information that all parents will want to know is what is happening with this summer's examinations for Year 11 students. I am afraid however at the moment all we know is that the DfE Consultation is still live (It ends on 29th January). In the Consultation the proposals are as follows:

1. There will be externally set short papers in all subjects.
2. Externally set papers will combine with some form of teacher assessment.
3. Internal (School) examinations should continue as sources of evidence for all examination groups.
4. Examination boards will request some evidence for some students. (It is therefore vital all work is retained by the student).
5. External examinations for those students on vocational qualifications will now NOT take place this summer.
6. The externally set papers will be taken as late as possible in the summer term.
7. Examination results will be in July.

Teaching staff will have no further information on Thursday evening. I will write to you as soon as we have any further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Kerridge
Headteacher

