

*Our reference: KHD/SB\**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Year 11 and 13 students and their families,

The announcement last night that the May and June examinations will not go ahead 'as planned' came as the most terrible shock to us all and we are waiting to hear what the alternative arrangements may look like.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that your teachers and all the staff at RPHS will work tirelessly to make the very best of any alternative arrangements so that you are able to get the qualifications you deserve. You have all worked so hard and we want to be able to celebrate your progress and achievements.

Whilst I know today wasn't how we wanted to say goodbye and wish you well, I'm so pleased we were able to meet together at the end of the day. The way you have conducted yourselves today has made us all so proud. However, I'm also aware that a number of students were unable to join us to say their goodbyes, so with that in mind, if you did not take your books and folders home today these are available to collect from the main hall tomorrow from 9:00am and again on Monday morning. We would like to say goodbye to you all properly and propose to still hold the prom at a later stage if that is what you would like to do.

I am not only devastated as your Headteacher but also as the Mum of a 15-year-old daughter, who, like you, cannot believe she may not get to take her exams this summer.

Whilst I don't have any more information at the moment, I will let you know any updates as soon as I have them.

We know that this is such an uncertain time but we all care deeply about you and your progress and we'll work through this together.

Best wishes

Mrs K Heard