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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the culmination of our students' academic journey at the RGS and many look towards the future of undertaking a University Degree or Degree Apprenticeships, I wanted to contact you regarding the upcoming A-Level examinations. This period marks a crucial phase in their education, where diligent revision and thoughtful preparation can make all the difference. We have introduced study skills throughout their time at the RGS and have recapped this during our Lecture Series and Action Your Potential sessions in the Sixth Form. Hopefully they are confident that they can make the most efficient use of this time.

You will have seen the recent reports sent home last week with their "Most likely to achieve" grades. These are the A Level grades their subject teachers believe they will be awarded, if their effort is continuous along the same lines as has been shown so far in school. For some this is great news and a push to keep up the good work. For others this is meant as a marker, to be used as a decision point to determine if they can put more effort in to push for a higher grade.

With all this in mind, it can be a very stressful time and I advise all students to approach the next few weeks with both determination and care for their well-being. If any of our students are finding this time particularly difficult, please reassure them that they are not alone and if they require additional support or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to help in any way we can.

While students have the option to study at home, we want to remind them that our Sixth Form Centre remains an excellent resource for focused study sessions, even if they do not plan on seeking out their subject teachers. Should they choose to use this facility, please remind them that school uniform is required and all normal school rules apply. Teachers are already providing multiple extra support sessions that I hope many are taking advantage of. Once students begin their study leave, staff will still be available in school during the usual lesson times until Half Term to provide assistance and guidance to Y13 students. Please join me in encouraging the students to take advantage of this opportunity!

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. We are all wishing Y13 the very best for the next few weeks.

Warm regards,

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