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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of Module 5, I wanted to update you on a few things that are specific to Year 10.

As you will be aware, Year 10 students were due to sit their GCSE RE examination this summer. The examination will not go ahead, and Ofqual have confirmed that Year 10 students who were entered for that examination will be treated in exactly the same way as Year 11 students who were entered for examinations this year. This means that the Academy have been asked to provide evidence to the examination board for each student to help to provide them with an accurate grade. The final grades awarded will be based on a number of pieces of evidence and not limited to formal assessment such as mock examinations. Further information is available online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020> We have been directed to remain confidential with the information surrounding grades and therefore, regrettably, are unable to divulge anything further at this stage.

Some Year 10 students may have heard about the planned History trip to Berlin, which was due to take place in October. As this trip had not yet been booked, it will unfortunately no longer go ahead.

I am sure you will have heard the news from the government that they would like all Year 10 students to have some face to face time with teachers before the summer holidays. We are carefully looking at how we can put this in place, while at the same time keeping the safety of our staff and students as our highest priority. We will be in touch further about this shortly.

I hope that you and your families are all well and adapting to the unusual situation we find ourselves in. I have been incredibly impressed with the way that Year 10 students have reacted to the challenges faced by online learning. I know that it has been very hard for many of them, but the resilience and independence that they have developed during this time will be invaluable throughout their lives. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Peters-Bayford or your child's form tutor if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

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