



19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

To the Parents and Carers of Year 13 students

I am writing this letter to you with very mixed emotions!

As you may be aware, we have now been instructed by the Secretary of State for Education to close the school to most students as from Monday 23 March.

We have been informed that all students will have their qualifications by the summer even though exams have been cancelled. We are unclear about the appeal process at this stage for children who are unhappy with the grade they are assigned.

More details will be published tomorrow (Friday 20 March) and I will therefore update you as soon as I can.

For all Art and Photography students please will you ensure that you bring your sketchbooks in to your class teacher by tomorrow. Any photography students should ensure that all work is loaded to your website by tomorrow. It is also essential that you hand in any coursework or exam prep.

This means that for your child, in what should be a seminal year of their education, we will be saying goodbye tomorrow and we will not be seeing them again until the next academic year, when we will be inviting them to our Year 13 Celebration Evening in December.

All of our farewell celebration plans for them have had to be put on hold, including our wonderful Prom night and I am really saddened that we will be unable to see them in all their finery. I am also hugely disappointed that we have had to hurriedly plan for their final assembly, but thankfully we will still be able to hold our traditional Leavers' Assembly, albeit at short notice, as follows:

- Year 13 11.10 – 12.10pm Friday 20 March 2020

Students will be leaving school after this assembly and will not be returning to any lessons.

I am very sorry to have to write this letter and it feels somewhat of an anti-climax after working so closely together for the past seven years. However, needs must!

Finally, a few words to our wonderful Year 13 students. On behalf of all our staff I would like to extend my very best wishes and every success for you for the future, wherever that may take you.



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Remember that you will always be an Upton-by-Chester High School student, this will always be your school and we are always here for you if ever you need us. Please keep in touch through our alumni scheme as we would love to know how you are getting on!

Yours faithfully

Paula Dixon
Headteacher

