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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 13 students

As this term draws to an end and we begin the Easter holidays I wanted to share a few updates with you.

#### Exams and Assessments Update

Ofqual have released their guidance to schools, parents and students on the awarding of GCSE, A-level and EPQ grades. You can read this information in a letter written to students [here](#), and the full guidance [here](#). There has not yet been any further guidance for BTEC subjects; we will share this with you as soon as it is published.

#### Future Pathway Support

If you would like to discuss your future pathway with a member of the sixth form team please do not hesitate to email your tutor. Tutors will be able to help you in the first instance, or refer you on to Mrs Hayer for more bespoke support.

Students with university offers should sit tight - your deadline for responding to your offers (if you received them all by 31 March) is Tuesday 19 May - this is two weeks later than usual. There is no need to make a rushed decision - if you think you are ready to respond to your offers, email your tutor and discuss your decision with them first. Mr Colebourne and Mr Hodgson are also available to offer advice and guidance if necessary.

#### The Sixth Form Common Room

We have launched a sixth form student only area of the [St Kath's Online Community Website](#). This will become a hub for you to access ongoing support with careers, future pathways and wellbeing as well as the occasional quiz and student competition. If you have ideas about items that could feature, please drop me an email - [colebournes@skdrive.org](mailto:colebournes@skdrive.org). But, no, I'm afraid there won't be any table football.

#### End of Year Celebration

We are committed to ensuring the end of your time at St Katherine's School is celebrated at some point in the future. This is likely to either be sometime in September or in December, depending on how the social distancing guidance progresses in the coming months and the availability of a possible venue.

The sixth form tutor team has been working to support students while school is closed and if students are worried about anything, they should email their tutor in the first instance. Students remain St Katherine's students, and we will continue to support students to achieve their future ambitions.

Staff and students will need a much needed rest over the next two weeks so please be patient with response times to any emails exchanged.

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Colebourne', followed by a horizontal line.

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