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Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and are enjoying the sunshine. This newsletter is just to provide a bit of an update and reassurance to students and parents. No doubt you will have already received some information about what happens next if you are in key year groups where exams are cancelled.

Following updates from the Department for Education, your teachers are working hard to make a fair and objective judgement of the grades they believe you would have achieved had everything been normal. They are cross-referencing their predictions and ranking to ensure that this is fair. If you have concerns about this process, please speak to your school. Teachers want you to do well and want to ensure that this is a fair process in these circumstances.

Because you will still receive grades, this will mean that your next steps should still happen in the expected way. You will receive certificates and results slips just like anyone else in year groups before you, on results day in August. The Department for Education has been having discussions with other providers (eg sixth forms, colleges, UCAS etc) to ensure that students in years 11 or 13 will be able to move on to their next destination with as little disruption as possible. What it does mean is that any interviews etc will be run in slightly different ways – eg over the phone.

Colleges, sixth forms, universities and UCAS are publishing information on their websites & social media regarding different procedures. If you have already applied, keep an eye on your emails for an update (check your junk too!) With apprenticeships, things are slightly different depending on the employer and the work they do. Some employers are still advertising vacancies, some have paused their recruitment for a while. If you have applied, check your emails or contact the employer/training provider (you'll find this on the vacancy information; it could be a college).

There is no doubt that things are strange at the moment, and things need to be done a little differently. This is a time where we *all* need to develop and show-off skills like adaptability, problem solving, creative thinking and resilience. You may not be feeling confident about these uncertain times but you are **not** on your own. 4YP is a local team of career advisers working with your school in Central Bedfordshire and we are here to support you – we can give you advice and tips relating to your next steps or career path, so please get in touch with us by emailing apg@4ypuk.com

Take care, stay safe and we hope to speak to you soon.
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