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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coronavirus Update 30**

Good afternoon, and welcome to this week's update from St Margaret's. Whilst many of our families continue to enjoy good physical and mental health, do please continue to remember those in our community who are unwell with Covid-19 (or, indeed, any other illness), and those who are self-isolating too.

There have 'only' been two positive Coronavirus cases in the St Margaret's family this week – one post-16 student and one pre-16 student. We wish both students a speedy recovery from their infection.

There are two other matters to bring to your attention.

### **External Exams**

You may have heard that this summer's external exams (GCSEs, BTECs and 'A'-levels) have been pushed back into June and July, in order to give students time to make up for some of the time that was lost last year. The current proposals are that:

- there will be one GCSE Maths paper and one GCSE English paper during the week beginning Monday 24th May,
- most other external exams will take place between Monday 7th June and Friday 2nd July (with only a very few after that),
- Year 13 results will be released on **Tuesday 24th August**, and
- Year 11 results on **Friday 27th August**.

**(Please do not book a holiday that week** if you have a son or daughter taking external exams this summer, as it is much harder to resolve any queries if you're not here!). Detailed, personalised exam timetables will be circulated around March/April. In the meantime, if you have any questions about what these changes may mean for your son/daughter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Parents' Prayer Group**

One of our new Year 7 parents has approached me to ask about setting up a Parents' Prayer group, to meet weekly through Zoom. I'm always very grateful to anyone who prays for our school – we need it more than ever in these challenging times. Although this would not be an official St Margaret's activity, I'm more than happy to put parents who wish to pray for our school in touch with each other – so if you'd like to join the group, please let me know, and I'll pass on your details to the group organiser.

With best wishes for a restful weekend,

Yours faithfully

Stephen Brierley  
Principal.