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Dear Parent / Carer

Can I thank you, as always for your overwhelming support over the last couple of days? The emails and phone calls are greatly received and appreciated. It has been an interesting start to the new term. I can assure you that I found out the changes regarding lockdown and announcements in particular relating to schools at the same time as the rest of the country! I am, unfortunately still awaiting further guidance and clarification on the announcements made yesterday and the impact this has on our future provision.

The staff team at Garibaldi are bitterly disappointed to be in a lockdown position and are not able to provide face to face teaching. However, they have reported that students have been great at interacting and working through the remote learning sessions today.

Registers will be taken as part of the lessons so we can record attendance and engagement and contacting parents to offer support where engagement may be low. Please do communicate with your child's mentor or achievement lead if you require any support, guidance or moral support. We know how hard working from home can be. Do bear in mind that we are here for parents as well as the students.

The Prime Minister announced last night that there will be modifications made to GCSE and A level exams in the summer. I hoped today to be able to give some certainty to students and parents about what this means but at the time of writing this letter, this clarity has not yet been provided to school leaders.

Although GCSE and A levels exams may be different, it is important for KS4 students to keep their motivation, dedication and resilience and work as hard as they can, as there will be some form of assessment or mechanism for awarding grades.

As it currently stands, the planned vocational exams over the next two weeks will still go ahead. Mr Dawson will be emailing all students involved with a slightly revised plan relating to the Masterclasses for tomorrow. Students should attend school in full school uniform for these exams. Any exam scheduled to be in the gym has now moved to the Sports Hall. We will continue to update students via email on masterclass and exam arrangements.

The keyworker provision is up and running and the deadline for registering has been removed. If at any time, parents who are keyworkers, require this provision, then please email office@garibaldischool.co.uk with your child's name, mentor group and your keyworker status and we will call you back.

Yours faithfully

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