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Dear Year 13 Parents,

RE: Update from WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Solihull)

At this time of year, we would normally be communicating to you about the start of the exams season, final assemblies and the well-anticipated end-of-year celebration. It is of course incredibly disappointing that we are unable to do this. Instead, you have been at the forefront of managing our students' emotions and well-being at this critical (and challenging) time.

Nevertheless, we wanted to update you on a number of issues:

- This week, teachers will be compiling a series of farewell messages to wish students well for the future, so please encourage your son/daughter to view these when they are released. We will email a copy of this to you as parents as well.
- Regretfully the plans for the end of year celebrations after exams have had to be stopped. We are looking at ways which we can bring the year group together in the future, but recognise that many students will have different plans for the summer ahead, but we will keep you posted with any developments.
- For students wishing to seek careers information and guidance, Mrs Archer is continuing to work remotely and can be contacted at r.archer@wmgacademy.org.uk. We appreciate that many students will be particularly concerned about apprenticeship offers (both confirmed and pending) and we will continue to work on your behalf with references and endorsements to support your next step. As ever, Mrs Archer will be prioritising Year 13 students at this time of year.
- Similarly, there will be students who may be anxious about their university applications or students who were not considering university and now might be. Again, Mrs Archer will be available to guide and support, as will Mrs Carey and Mr Mahroof. Please don't sit on any anxieties you may have, feel free to get in touch and share them with us.
- We are considering how we might be able to deliver Year 13 Results Day this year and will keep you informed as plans develop - clearly, this will need to happen in a different way this year, however staff will be on hand to support learners with answers to questions on the day and days thereafter.

We know that this has been a challenging time for Year 13 students, who in many ways have been most significantly affected by the closure of the Academy at the most critical time in their school career – all the efforts, endeavours, study and preparation were due to come together now and students have now been denied this opportunity and we do feel for them.

We want to reassure you that we are still here for you and your families and will continue to work with you wherever we can.

With very best wishes,



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