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Dear Students and Parents,

As expected, the government and OFQUAL (the authority that oversees all qualifications) has begun a consultation on **how Y11 will be assessed in the summer** -. There has been a suggestion that there may be **mini exams in the summer**, but we will have to wait for the results of the consultation to know exactly what we are preparing our students for. Assuming that they are able to return to school, the preferred arrangement will include students completing shorter assessments that have been externally set by the exam boards. Although these assessments will be marked by their teachers, they will be externally moderated. The message is very clear that those students who would have been sitting exams this year, really do need to keep up with their work and finish their courses to the best of their ability.

In the meantime, we will continue to work hard to ensure that students follow the curriculum and assessment patterns they would have had if they were learning in school. In order to build this portfolio of evidence we will need to continue to assess students on their knowledge and understanding of the courses they are studying and in turn there will continue to be class assessments during remote learning.

These class assessments will be delivered through the google classroom in a variety of methods and platforms such as google docs, google forms or Seneca assessments. Each assessment will be available for completion for a **set amount of time** and students will need to complete these within the allocated time, these times will be published on the google classrooms.

We expect all students to engage and give their full commitment to these class assessments. We know that students have been working really hard and it gives them a chance to show teachers what they know and how they can apply their learning as well as informing teachers where the gaps are and if any adjustments to the current curriculum are required.

Teachers at Atlantic are very good at working collaboratively and have ensured that these assessments are spread over the current assessment cycle to support student workload and enable students to have the opportunity to engage

Yours faithfully

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Vice Principal