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Dear Pupil,

I hope you and your family are all well and keeping safe. May I take the opportunity to thank you for all your hard work over the years. Although I have only worked with you over the last two years, I have been impressed with the character and sense of community you hold and how you have worked positively throughout this year. We never could have envisaged it would end like this and although your time with us here at Milford Haven School has been cut short, all of your teachers are thinking about you. The future is uncertain, but the same dreams you dreamed until now will still be relevant and achievable for you after this whole lockdown is over and you begin a new chapter.

Please remember: just because there are now no exams, it doesn't mean that it was all for nothing. The things you learned in your lessons across the curriculum will shape your thoughts and ideologies, and who you are as a person. They will make you truly human.

No doubt you are all mourning the cancelling of your exciting last few weeks as year 11 students. It's unfair that you may be robbed of the shirt and yearbook signings, of the prom that you've so been looking forward to. However we certainly will be working on plans to celebrate with you in the Autumn term, once it is safe to do so.

Like you, we have also been robbed: of witnessing the culmination of your growth over the last five years, and waving you off at the gates as you head into your exciting futures.

Following the letter received last week outlining the Governing Body of Milford Haven School's decision that there will be no year 12 in September 2020, it is absolutely imperative that I stress the support on hand from staff at Milford Haven School to ensure that an alternative pathway is both considered and affirmed. With this in mind, I am hoping that you find the following information helpful.

As an attachment titled 'A level options within the county', you can find some information regarding alternative A level opportunities within the county. All of these centres are extremely keen to welcome and support Milford Haven School pupils. This is a live document so Mrs Griffiths will update this as the information is received from the centres.

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Please note that Welsh first language provision is also available at Ysgol Y Preseli.

When looking at these centres, we must stress that it is absolutely essential when considering the entry requirements for any centre that you also have a back up plan in mind should you not achieve the grades. Please use your most recent P data when making these decisions.

In addition to this, support and guidance can be given by Careers Wales. The schools' Career Advisor can be contacted by email on: trish.martin@careerswales.com.

For all year 11 learners, whether their route be A levels or a vocational pathway, Pembrokeshire County Council is holding a virtual week for year 11 from 1st-5th June. During the week, learners can meet course tutors from Pembrokeshire post-16 providers online at **openweek.dysguarlein.com** and find out more information about courses including AS/A Levels, vocational qualifications such as BTECs, and Work Based Training routes including both Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

Finally, it is important to stress that transition support is available at Milford Haven School where you can contact Mrs Michelle Griffiths at mgriffiths@milfordhavenschool.co.uk. Mrs Griffiths works closely with our federation of sixth form centres and will continue to provide support and guidance to all pupils.

But now as you navigate uncertain times, I speak on behalf of all of your teachers: we are here for you. Please continue to check in with us in your google classroom and please do not hesitate to ask for guidance.

We hope that this information finds you well and will be of some use to you. Please, please stay safe. And know that, whatever happens, we will weather this storm together. We are proud of you.

Yours sincerely,

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