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Hi everyone,

We realise it's all been a bit of a strange end to your Year 13 experience with us and a lot of you are feeling uncertain about both the present and the future. I would like to reassure you in this letter that we are looking out for you, and are confident that this unprecedented situation will not impact negatively on any of your future prospects.

Dealing with the present is a bit more challenging. Courses have, to all intents and purposes, concluded. Teachers have processed your exam results, which will soon be sent to the exam boards.

So what should you be doing now?

Here are some suggestions:

You should be using some of the time you have at home to put yourself in the best possible position for higher or further education/job interviews when things kick back into action. You could pursue an external online course (MOOCs) in something you find interesting or in a subject relevant to your future aspirations. I know that Mr Curran has already drawn these to your attention.

In case you can't find the links, here is a list of some of the best providers:

www.edx.org
www.futurelearn.com
www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses
www.senecalearning.com/

For those looking to apply to jobs

You could once again use Future Learn to undertake the course 'How to Succeed at Interviews' with the University of Sheffield on Future Learn. This might help you get yourself in the best possible position for an interview. Alternatively, The Isle of Man Job Centre appears to be offering some free online training in Health & Safety, Business, Leadership & Management, Health & Social Care and Child Care. You need to email jobcentre@gov.im for further information.

Please look also at the information to be found on the IOM Careers portal; <https://signposts.sch.im>

Please also ask your tutor to put you in contact with Mr Pinnington for further advice on careers.

Whatever you are thinking of doing next year we hope you agree that this time you now have can be used really positively to help you get ahead of the game. Please remember to stay in touch. I have asked your tutors and subject teachers to catch up with you on a weekly basis, please make sure that you reply to them! I will write to you again directly over the coming weeks, not least to update you on arrangements for Results Day.

Stay safe everyone,

Mrs Baker