

29th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by saying how proud I am of how Year 11 students have continued to cope with school and their studies despite everything that has affected their education in the last year and a half. Thank you also to you the parents or carers who have played such an important part in guiding your children through such difficult times.

The following provides some further details about the arrangements for students as we move towards the end of Year 11.

Remainder of this Half-Term:

Students will continue to be taught and assessed throughout this half term and it is important they continue to work hard and complete work to the best of their ability.

As I have said in a previous letter, Year 11 students will finish their studies on **Friday 28th May**. After this date, no further assessments will take place and our Centre Assessed Grades will be carefully based on the evidence that we have.

On Friday 28th May, students will have their normal lessons during Period 1 and 2. After morning break, students will then have a tutorial session during Period 3. This tutorial will give students an opportunity to spend time with their tutors and watch the Leavers' Assembly. Students will then finish at lunchtime to start the May half-term holiday.

After May Half-Term:

You may be aware that some very late guidance (6th April) from the Department for Education suggested activities that Year 11 students could engage in either remotely or in school until the end of June. It is important to highlight it was always our intention to provide such activities for students prior to receiving this guidance.

A programme has already been planned to support Year 11s beyond the teaching of the curriculum, which extends until late June. This is three school weeks, beginning Monday 7th June and ending on Friday 25th June. The programme is designed to address progression both educationally and personally.

June Programme:

In Week One (w/b 7th June), students will be directed to materials to work on. This will be information and activities tailored to the students' next step, be that college, apprenticeship or sixth form. This work will take place remotely and should be brought to Week Two.

In Week Two (w/b 14th June), students considering joining our Sixth Form will be in school for part of the week taking part in sixth form courses taster sessions, using or based on the materials studied in Week One.

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Students moving to colleges or apprenticeships will be at one of those venues to experience post-16 study or work.

In Week Three (w/b 21st June), each morning and afternoon we will provide students with materials to help support their personal progression. This will include information and activities about health, continuing literacy, sport, money, managing finances, cooking etc. We are also hoping to host a careers morning, where students can access sessions from a variety of career sectors. Week Three will take place online and sessions will be accessed remotely.

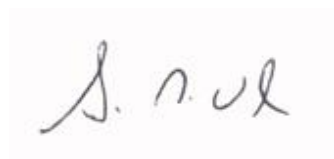
Further details regarding this programme will be provided to students and parents prior to May half term.

Conclusion:

Mr Bland and the Year 11 Pastoral Team will continue to keep you updated regarding further arrangements. I will also write to you again prior to the May half-term holiday with a further update.

I would like to once again thank the students for their maturity and excellent approach to their studies during these difficult times. I am hopeful that, as we move through the government's roadmap out of lockdown, the next stage in students' lives, be it Sixth Form, college or an apprenticeship is a little more normal.

Yours faithfully



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