

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Two Important Notices

1. Predicted Grades for GCSE, A Level and BTEC qualifications

The Government have given the school a deadline of 29th May to submit their predicted grades for GCSE, A Level and BTEC Qualifications. The school has started the process of securing these and teachers, heads of department and senior staff are working on this over the next few weeks. As you know the school is in a very good position as it carries out half termly assessments for Year 11 and 13, which puts us in a very strong position for knowing not only how students were doing but how they should do were there to be exams. I attach a link for parents and students to watch a video from Ofqual explaining the process and we will be in touch even further with regards to this situation during the month of May.

<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2020/04/09/arrangements-for-summer-2020/>

2. Changes for the 2020/21 academic year onwards

I am writing to let you know about a change that we are making for the new academic year. This is with the aim of:

- Enabling a week long period of very targeted subject specific intervention for Year 11 and Year 13 students in the Autumn term
- Improving student engagement with our enrichment and extracurricular offer

As such, the following changes will be made from September:

- There will be a two-week break from the normal timetable in the autumn term, commencing Monday 26th October and finishing Friday 6th November.

The week from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October is the normal scheduled school break, as per the published school term dates. During this time the school will be closed to all teachers and students.

From Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November a programme of enrichment, extra-curricular provision and subject specific intervention will run for students. This will run from 8.40am – 3.30pm each day, staffed by senior teachers, support staff and external tutors and coaches.

Subject specific intervention will run during the whole week for Year 11 and 13 students, and so these students must be available to attend school during this time.

Guaranteed places will be made available for any students where parents have no child care available.

Full details of the offer available will be shared at the end of the summer term.

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We are excited to be able to offer subject specific intervention and enrichment in a more intense and focused short period during the Autumn term.

If any parents wish to discuss this, or have any questions, please email Ms Pitts – cpitts@mulberryschoolstrust.org before 1st May and I will make an appointment to speak with you directly.

We will write at the end of the summer term with further details of this for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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