

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

14th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

This academic year has been a challenging one for all of us because of the pandemic. I have been so very impressed and pleased with Year 11 students and how they have responded to the disruption. But I would also like to thank you as parents and the staff of the school for being so caring, consistent and tenacious with ensuring that each child in Year 11 were fully educated and looked after throughout. I would particularly like to thank Ms Taylor, Ms Milton and Mr Collis who have led the Year group. It is fantastic to know that the majority of the students are staying with us into Sixth Form, this is particularly exciting because of all of the things we have to offer them which will be phenomenal.

This letter is to inform you that from **Monday 17th May 2021**, Year 11 students will attend a flexible Microsoft Teams/ Assessment timetable. What this means is that Year 11 students should remain at home, but attend all of their timetabled live and non-live lessons on Microsoft Teams for just next week. But that also, on a day-to-day basis groups of students will be asked to attend school to complete certain assessments or coursework that applies to them. Ms Taylor will be in charge of inviting students in each day. When students come in, they need to be in full school uniform and need to **arrive at the school at the time Ms Taylor says.**

As you will be aware, there are no exams this year, but the school has collected a significant amount of assessment evidence to support our GCSE and BTEC teacher assessed grades. Following the Government guidelines and directives on assessment this year has been helped by the fact that we already had rigour and reporting in our assessment cycle and that we report your child's academic progress to you on a half-termly basis and had a Year 11 Parents' Evening recently. You will receive a final assessment report just after this final half term break.

Extra two weeks of activities: Monday 14th June – Friday 25th June 2021

As well as all of the above, we have put together a 2-week timetable of nice activities for Year 11 students for after the half term break; Sixth Form taster sessions, activities and trips which your child will be invited to attend. Students do not have to wear their school uniform for these events, but they will need to wear smart business dress for Sixth Form sessions and sports clothes for trips. Ms Taylor will be sending this 2-week timetable to you and your child very shortly.

The Year 11 Prom will be on **Tuesday 22nd June from 4.30pm – 8pm.** We would like all students to attend this and dress smartly.

The final date that is very important for your child is **Thursday 12th August 2021** when they will need to come in to the school to collect their GCSE and Btec exam results **between 10am and 12pm** at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Ruth Holden
Executive Principal

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