

7 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 leaving date and key dates

I hope you and your families are doing well.

As you know, our Year 11 students have been working hard throughout the Academic year. We have seen more commitment and focus from them since the reopening of schools on 8th March, after the last lockdown. This renewed commitment and focus is contributing greatly to enable teachers to collate the relevant evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) this summer.

We have now received confirmation of some key dates regarding our Year 11 students and I would like to share this with you.

The Department of Education (DfE) has now confirmed that the **official last day of school for Year 11 students is 25th June, 2021**. This means that after this date, Year 11 students will not be expected to attend the Academy. However, we will be expecting to see them on GCSE results day on 12th August, 2021.

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) which regulates examinations in the Country has also confirmed that **the deadline for submitting all Teacher Assessed Grades to the examination boards is 18th June, 2021**. This means our students need to continue to work hard until this date for their teachers to be able to collate all the necessary evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades.

In light of the renewed commitment and focus shown by our students in the last few weeks, **the academy has taken the decision that the last day for 'normal' attendance for all Year 11 students will be 28th May, 2021. This means that students will be on study leave from 7th June until 25th June.**

Before 28th May, students will be signed out by their individual subject teachers. If students have not been signed out in a particular subject, this will mean that they still have work to be completed in order for the teachers to collate evidence towards the Teacher Assessed Grades. These students will therefore be invited back into the Academy from 7th June to complete the relevant work.

From 7th June, 2021 the following will apply:

- Not all Year 11 students will be in the Academy
- There will be no regular timetabled lessons for all Year 11 students
- Some students will be invited into the Academy to complete work for evidence towards the Teacher Assessed Grades to be collated
- Some of the learning for Year 11 students will take place remotely
- Students progressing onto Post 16 education will continue to take part in transition activities until 25th June. The transition activities will include remote learning, targeted work within the Academy (students will be invited for this) and taster days at the Post 16 Centre

Between now and 28th May, our students need to continue to work hard so that all the evidence needed for the Teacher Assessed Grades can be collated. Students will also need to complete all assessments and classwork to the best of their abilities.

It is important that we continue to work together to enable your child to achieve the best possible outcomes. Should you require any additional support or advice, please contact us via your child's Learning Manager or the 'Contact Us' button on the Academy website.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Dzoboku', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Mr G Dzoboku
Principal