

28 May 2021

To all parents and carers of Year 11 students

A final letter on the last school day for your child

As this letter reaches you your child will have experienced their final day in secondary school. It will have been an emotional day but one filled with joy and celebration. There is no doubt that it has been a real honour to be part of your child's learning journey.

Although Friday 28th May is the last day Year 11 are in school there will still be support available to them after May half term.

Some weeks ago, I wrote to you saying there would be a 'remote' offer after half term. This letter outlines the detail of what we will provide from Monday 7th June for the following four weeks.

Subject enrichment and bridging materials

For the first four weeks of the summer term we will provide either:

- **subject enrichment activities:** tasks designed for those students who would like to explore a different aspect of a subject (e.g. geography, music); or
- **level 3 bridging materials:** this work will act as a transition between GCSE standard work and level 3 work. Each week 4 or 5 different subjects will post work on the Satchel One notice board for your child to access.

Additionally, the colleges themselves are also providing bridging work.

Completing the work colleges provide will help students have an edge in their August interviews if they are able to demonstrate how they engaged with any bridging content ahead of starting their course. This will be particularly important to colleges in the absence of national examinations this year.

Pastoral support

We are still here to provide pastoral support as although students may not be in school we have built up a strong understanding of them and we continue to care about them. The following will take place:

- some students where we have identified a need to speak to them, will receive a weekly phone call from their form tutor.
- all students will receive a weekly email from their form tutor to check in on their well-being.

If there are any questions, queries or problems that we can help with please contact the relevant member of the Year 11 team:

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College readiness and careers

Making the transition to college and receiving important careers information is essential in this next stage of your child's educational journey. In order to ensure that your child has all of the necessary relevant information the following will take place:

- A careers' bulletin will be published. This will have all of the key dates for colleges and apprenticeships that your child needs to know.
- Information from colleges and apprentice providers will be shared with students.
- The above information will be shared on our school website, Facebook and Satchel:One on a weekly basis. (This includes details of any bridging materials the colleges send us.)
- Texts will be sent home to you, as parents, when new information becomes available in order to ensure that no key information is missed.

Results Day

We will next see your child on results' day. This will take place on **Thursday 12th August**. Additional information regarding picking up results and timings will be sent to you nearer the time. You should assume that it will be during the morning. We will need to follow relevant COVID-safe procedures which may well change in the coming weeks. All that remains is for us to say to you as parents is a huge 'thank you' for all your support, commitment to your child and working with us over the last five years.

It is a privilege to see young people grow up over the years after joining from primary school to leaving secondary school as young adults. We have seen them flourish, thrive and succeed and despite the challenges of the year and the pandemic we have seen their remarkable resilience, maturity and fortitude.

We are immensely proud of them as a year group as we now send them on their way to their next chapter in life, one in which we pray for each of them that they will be 'light to the world' in all they do.

With every blessing to you and your child for the days and years ahead.

Yours faithfully,
Kieran Larkin
 Headteacher