

3rd May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 Arrangements for the Rest of Term

Assessments

You will know only too well that our Year 11 students are in the middle of their In-Class Assessments. On Monday 24th May their End of Course Assessments begin, with the last of these taking place after half term on Wednesday 9th June. We then have until Friday 18th June to complete our initial marking, confirm common standards and submit the proposed grades to the exam boards.

Since I last wrote to you there has been a great deal of more detailed information from JCQ (The Joint Council for Qualifications). In light of this we have decided – contrary to what I told you – not to release the raw marks from the assessments to students. These initial marks are going to be subject to layers of checks and moderation and we do not want students to be drawing inaccurate conclusions from the provisional marks.

JCQ has also asked all centres to produce a Centre Policy for the awarding of grades this summer. This official document is attached and is also published on the website.

Attendance at School

From 24th May Year 11 students will only be required to be in school when they have an assessment. A register will be taken at the start of each assessment and the students will have to sign out afterwards. There will be supervised study rooms available during this time for those who have two exams in one day or who have to wait for a bus to get them home. Once the End of Course Assessments have been completed routine attendance at school will no longer be expected.

Rites of Passage

COVID restrictions permitting we are hoping to hold some kind of leavers' celebration during the day on Friday 11th June. We have also been searching for a suitable venue for a Prom. Even if national restrictions are lifted completely on 21st June, we would still prefer to find a venue which has plenty of outdoor space or marquees. We hope to be able to give you some more definite news in the course of next week.

Sixth Form Induction

There will be a ten day induction period for those who have applied for a place in the Sixth Form. This will run from Monday 5th July to Wednesday 14th July. It is an important introduction to A level subjects. Some tasks will be set over the summer as part of the programme.

GCSE Results

This year's results will be published on Thursday, 12th August 2020. Students will be able to receive their results by e-mail or come to school to collect them in person. COVID restrictions permitting, they will be available in school between 9.00 am and 11.00 am.

Yours sincerely,

N. J. Ware