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## **ALL YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Year 11 Blended Learning**

We appreciate how difficult the last few months have been for all of our Year 11 students, especially now, with things changing almost on a daily basis. However, we would like to assure you that the safety and continued education of our students is our number one priority. To this effect we have laid out some plans for the coming weeks and beyond. To begin with, Mr Dixon will be delivering an assembly to all Year 11 students – your child will receive an email link to this later this afternoon. You will also receive a Curriculum Overview Plan, which outlines the topics each subject will be delivering in the coming fortnight. You will receive this information on a regular basis.

As I am sure you are aware, the Government and Ofqual are currently reviewing the summer examination process. In light of this, it is more important than ever, for students to engage in learning, complete all tasks and work hard so that teachers can assess and award Centre Assessed Grades if required. Non-attendance of lessons will mean a loss of learning which may lower the grade they achieve. Until we receive official guidance from the DfE we cannot assume that exams have been cancelled despite press coverage.

**From Tuesday 5 January 2021 all students are being taught virtually via Go4Schhools and this will include live lessons via Microsoft Teams.**

It is imperative that students return to learning as soon as possible and therefore we are asking for them to follow their normal school timetable and attend their scheduled lessons. From next week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this will include tutor time, beginning at 8.40am (students will receive MS Teams invites from their form tutor for this). This will help to provide structure to their day, as well as ensuring they do not fall behind in their learning.

You will also shortly be receiving a 'Parent/Carer Guide to Remote Learning' which will explain what you might see/hear when your child takes part in any remote learning.

It is important that all students check their emails regularly in the coming days. They should already have received an email from their Form Tutor to check that all is well. Please ensure they have responded to this so we can be aware of any difficulties that they may be

experiencing. All activities, including the live lessons can be accessed via a mobile phone as well as a computer and there is no expectation to print out work. We have, once again, attached guidance on how your child can access their online learning, should they be unsure or have forgotten passwords. If, at any stage your child is unsure of a task they should contact their subject teacher via email. Please be aware we will be monitoring completion of work set and attendance of these lessons to ensure that students do not fall behind in their studies.

### **Pupils who have missed mock examinations**

There are a small number of Year 11s who have missed their mock examinations. We will be contacting you shortly, with an update on mock results.

### **Important changes to future dates**

In order to give each Year 11 student the very best chance of success we have decided to move the date of the next set of mock examinations. These will be moved from week beginning 22 February 2021 to week beginning 22 March 2021. This gives students an additional month of learning and will lead to more robust grading for Centre Assessed Grades this summer if examinations are cancelled. Obviously, this date is still provisional as none of us can be entirely sure of the future situation.

As a school we are trying to do all we can to support our Year 11 students and know that as parents/carers you are doing the same. We are all finding ourselves striving to adapt to each new challenge in the best way possible. I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward, as we all do, to things returning back to 'normal' in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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