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May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

SUBJECT: YEAR 11 LEAVING DATE AND KEY DATES

Firstly I hope that this letter finds you and your family keeping safe and well.

As you will be aware, our Year 11 students have been amazing and have been working so hard throughout this academic year under such unusual circumstances. The commitment and focus from them since the reopening of schools on 8th March 2021, after the last lockdown, is contributing greatly to enable our teachers to collate the relevant evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) this summer.

The Department of Education (DfE) has now confirmed that the official last day of school for year 11 students is **Friday 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 the GCSE results day, Thursday 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 Friday 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 Friday 28th May, 2021.

Before the 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 Monday 7th June 2021 to complete the relevant work.

From the 7th June, the following will apply:

- Not all Year 11 students will be in the Academy
- Some students will be invited into the Academy to complete work for evidence towards the Teacher Assessed Grades to be collated
- Many of the activities for Year 11 students will take place remotely, for example Careers Advice and Guidance sessions.

Between now and the 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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darren Smith', written in a cursive style.

Darren Smith
Principal