23rd April 2021

Dear parents, carers (and students)

Year 11 & 13 Stand Down Arrangements

Please accept this letter which details the arrangements for Year 11 and 13 stand down after their assessment weeks later this half term.

Year 11 & 13 Assessment Weeks Timetables

	W/B	Year 11	Year 13
Mo-Fr	26th April	Normal timetable	Normal timetable
May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May 2021			
Th-Fr	4th May	Assessment week (Th/Fr)	Normal timetable
Mo-Fr	10th May	Assessment week (Mo-Fr)	Assessment week (Mo-Fr)
Mo-Th	17th May	Assessment week (Mo/Tu) Normal timetable and some practical assessments (Wed-Fr)	Assessment week (Mo-Th) Normal timetable and some practical assessments (Fr)
Mo-Fr	24th May	Normal timetable and some practical assessments (CONTINGENCY assessment week if needed)	Normal timetable and some practical assessments (CONTINGENCY assessment week if needed)
		Friday 28th May 2021 Stand down (3.15pm)	Friday 28th May 2021 Stand down (midday)
Half-term holiday (1 week)			
Mo-Fr	7th June	(CONTINGENCY assessment week if needed)	(CONTINGENCY assessment week if needed)

The majority of Year 11 and Year 13 will leave school on Friday 28th May 2021 if a further contingency week for any assessments missed due to unforeseen circumstances is not needed.

Students must be available (local) and contactable during Monday 7th - Friday 11th June 2021 inclusive in case school needs to use this contingency assessment week for individuals, groups or entire year groups.

On Friday 28th May 2021, Year 13 will leave for stand down at midday, with Year 11 leaving at the end of the school day. A number of year group specific activities will be planned to celebrate our time with our fantastic Year 11 & 13 students on this day.

Assessment Weeks

Information regarding the purpose and importance of the assessment weeks was included in the last update sent to year 11 and 13 parents, which can be found <u>here</u>. This included study guides, for all subjects, in both Key Stage 4 and 5. The assessments will be run in much the same way as the mock and final exams are run in any other year. Attendance is essential. If there are circumstances where attendance is not possible, you should seek to obtain a medical note from your doctor, stating the reason for absence.

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We can see that the very vast majority of students understand the importance of their May assessments and are working hard, with the support of their teachers, in order to prepare. If you have any concerns, please get in touch with the school via your son/daughter's form tutor.

Looking ahead

We want to continue to support your child as they move to the next phase of their education or employment with training.

For Year 13, if your child needs to cover any areas of the curriculum which have not been covered for their University or FE course this work can be accessed from their subject teachers.

For those Year 11 students returning to our or another post-16 institution a series of remote lessons and independent work will be set which will prepare them for their post-16 Level choices. The work can be accessed via Google classroom by entering the following code 3pqb7tv. Google classroom. Students can access online lessons. Staff will invite students via Google. Please see this timetable <u>Click</u> <u>here</u>.

For all our students we are offering a number of online webinars and opportunities put together by our Careers Team.

<u>Year 11</u>

<u>Year 13</u>

Kind regards,

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