

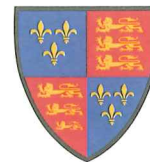


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Dear Families

The approach to awarding GCSE and A level grades this year requires schools to submit grades by 18 June 2021. Allowing time for marking, moderation and administrative checks this effectively means that any work completed after the May half term would not form part of the evidence base for teacher assessed grades. Therefore, the last day of full-time education for Y11 will be Friday 28th May. In line with government guidance the academy will continue to provide support for effective student progression to the next stage of their education.

Year 11 will be provided with bridging work, designed to support students' transition between GCSE and A level studies will be provided by each department. It will ensure that key concepts and important skills are practised and consolidated prior to the start of A level courses. This work will be available in early June and students can and should access this work via the Year 11 teams page. We feel that this bridging work is of value to all Year 11 students moving on to A level study and those moving on to other providers are still encouraged to access these resources and use them as part of their preparation for next year. We have also added support material for those students that will be looking at alternatives to A level studies to support their wellbeing and steps to future careers.

A good number of our Y11 students are participating in the National Citizenship Scheme which runs each summer, those who have participated in the past have found the scheme to be hugely enjoyable and beneficial. To further support our Year 11 students, they will be provided with a list of careers-related activities that will need to be completed using platforms that are available to them. They will be set activities to do using the Skills Builder and Unifrog platforms.

Careers support will continue to be available for those students who have not yet secured a 6th form place, apprenticeship or employment for next year. There will be a weekly Careers Bulletin sent out to Year 11 students with careers-related tips and advice and there will be follow up contact with everyone to ensure that everyone has a post-16 destination finalised before the end of term. We are still here to support you with careers planning, so if you need to talk to us then please contact Mrs Yousaf on [syousaf@hwga.org.uk](mailto:syousaf@hwga.org.uk) and Miss Yasin on [nyasin@hwga.org.uk](mailto:nyasin@hwga.org.uk).

Academic and pastoral support and advice will still be available. Should, you require any support for pastoral issues, please contact Ms Aziz on [naziz@hwga.org.uk](mailto:naziz@hwga.org.uk), for academic support please contact Ms Redican on [mredican@hwga.org.uk](mailto:mredican@hwga.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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