



10th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Update

At the start of this half term, we wanted to share with Year 11 parents some important notices for the year group. Students have been informed about these items in our mini assemblies, however please ensure they have read this letter in order that they are reminded about this key information.

Mock results and projected grades

Mock results and projected grades will be sent to student and parent email addresses in a report on the 26th November. Please be aware that the mock grade provided will only be based on the one paper per subject which students undertook during the mock week in October. This grade will not give a full overview of a student's skills across the subject. The projected grade is a teacher estimate based on the grade that a student may achieve in the summer if they continue working at the current rate. This grade will be subject to change based on student achievement as the year progresses and as students undertake further assessments.

Unfortunately, the calendared Parents' Evening for Year 11 on the 26th November cannot take place as planned. We are currently investigating ways to create a Parents' Evening experience in the Spring Term and we will be in touch with further information in due course.

Home Learning

Year 11 students have been advised that to be GR8, their days should consist of: 8 hours learning, 8 hours relaxation and 8 hours sleep.

This means that in addition to their time at school, students should be actively engaged on a daily basis with home learning and independent revision. All home learning is set on Satchel One and all parents have been given access to the App so that they can monitor the work their child is completing. If any parent needs support with this then please contact the College so that we can help. In addition to home learning, students should be independently revising at home and completing past exam papers in order to prepare for exams. They should be regularly submitting work to their teachers in order that staff have evidence of the progress which students are making and can provide students with the necessary support to gain the best possible grades in the summer.

Catch up lessons

We are delighted with students' attendance and engagement in catch up lessons. Please be aware of the current catch up lesson schedule. Y11 finish their formal College day at 3.30 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will only be given permission to leave before this time in an emergency. Where possible medical appointments should be made outside this time.

Week A		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
All in Science	Block A Option Subject Timetable Week A Monday 1&2	Block B Option Subject Timetable Week A Tuesday 5&6

Week B		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
All in Maths	Block C Option Subject Timetable Week A Friday 5&6	Block E Option Subject Timetable Week A Thursday 1&2

Upcoming Mock Exams

The next formal full round of mock exams will commence on **1st February 2021 and continue until 12th February 2021** and students should be revising for these now. Prior to Christmas students will have additional formal exams in English, Maths and Science. More information about these core exams will be sent out in due course.



Summer Exams

At present the Prime Minister and Education Secretary are clear that 2021 exams will go ahead. However, currently the start date of exams has been pushed back by 3 weeks. This will mean that the GCSE exam series will end later than normal. Parents wanting to book summer holidays should avoid departing before the end of July.

Results day for GCSE is currently scheduled as **Friday 27th August 2021.**

If for any reason summer exams do not go ahead and the College is asked to submit a Centre Assessed Grade for students, teachers will be asked to take in to account students' home learning, classwork, mock examination and key piece of work grades.

Prom

Currently a provisional date has been booked for the Year 11 Prom to take place at Burntwood Court Hotel on **Thursday 8th July 2021.** This is of course subject to change and may not take place depending on the current situation with the pandemic. If the Prom is to go ahead, ticket allocation will be based on students' behaviour, effort in lessons and home learning. Please do not buy prom outfits until much nearer the time when a firm decision can be made about the event.

Progression to Post 16

Students are being supported within L4L lessons to make their Post 16 applications to Minsthorpe and the other colleges they may be interested in joining next year. The central application process that used to be in place across Wakefield is no longer in operation, so applications for Sixth Form places have to be made to each individual college. Mr Dowey is always available for one-to-one support and can be contacted by both parents and students if they have queries tdowey@minsthorpe.cc. We would urge students and parents/carers to make sure they are also engaging in virtual experiences provided by the local colleges, and to make sure that they are regularly visiting their websites to ensure they are aware of what is on offer. We thank you all for engaging with our Post 16 Virtual Open Evening and hope you found this useful and informative.

Class of 2021 Leavers' Hoody

We are working with Fizz-Hoodies to offer students the opportunity to purchase a Class of 2021 Leavers' Hoody. The Hoodies will have a large '21' print on the back, containing the names of all students in the Year Group, and will also feature an embroidered logo on the front. All Hoodies will be "Heather Gray" in colour.

The cost of a Hoody is £20 and students **MUST** place orders before **Friday 15th January 2021.** No orders will be taken after this date.

If students would like to purchase a Hoody please make sure full payment has been made. Students should then place the completed slip overleaf in the appropriate box in the Sports Hall at lunchtime before **Friday 15th January 2021.** We cannot stress this deadline enough, as we do not want anyone to be disappointed. The College will not be ordering any spare Hoodies, so if your child later changes their mind once they see everyone's hoodies, unfortunately it will be too late!

Payment can be made via the School Gateway App or by contacting the Finance Office and paying over the telephone. Please contact the Finance Office for further details. **Cash orders are not accepted.**

May we take this opportunity to again thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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School Leaver Hoody Order – Summer 2021

Please return this reply slip with **full payment made** by **Friday 15th January 2021**.

A box for reply slips will be placed in the Sports Hall in order that students can place their slip in the box at lunchtime.

Leavers' Hoodies 2021 size (Please circle) S M L XL XXL

Payment by (Telephone) Payment by Gateway App (*please tick*)

Name P&A Group.....

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....