

8th February 2021

Dear Year 11 Student

I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well during this challenging time.

As we head into the half-term break I wanted to share with you how proud I am of you as a year group and how positively you have engaged with remote learning. Despite the disruption you have dealt with since the pandemic began, and the sometimes confusing messages around exams and assessments, you have continued to do your very best and ensure you are not disadvantaged.

The final plans for how you will be assessed still have some uncertainty - but we will have guidance from the Government and exam boards after half-term. What we do have certainty of though is that you will be awarded grades which should reflect the level of effort that you have put in. Current suggestions mean this might include mini assessments next term, which will focus on the work you have covered and evidence of how you are performing in your classwork, and engagement with remote learning.

A key factor that will decide the grade you are awarded will be evidence gathered now and over the summer term, so do continue as you have from the start of Year 11. This year you have proved yourselves to be the best performing year group the academy has ever seen and your Praising Stars predictions reflect the potential that you have.

As a year group, your attendance to remote lessons on Google Classroom has been excellent and your teachers have been thrilled by your engagement and the quality of submissions. Whilst the lockdown brings us many challenges we must do all what we can to make sure the future is brighter by limiting any disadvantages. By engaging in lessons and continuing to work hard you will meet your potential, moving onto the next stage of your journey; be that 6th form, college, apprenticeships or work. And we will help you get there.

We have developed very detailed systems for tracking remote lesson attendance and engagement should any students or parents require a breakdown of any learning that has been missed to enable any catch-up should it be required.

Everyone at the academy is missing you - and we hope that in the very near future we have a pathway to return to school. This week, the maths department has been out and about visiting students and providing much needed equipment to help support learning. This is just one example of how we want the best for you and we are available if you need anything at any time, be that for equipment, support or just a conversation.

The academy reception is open between 9am and 1pm every day and you can always contact us via your Google Classrooms. If you have any problems accessing the online remote learning please do let us know so that we can support you. It is vital that you are accessing your lessons and we will work with you to remove any barriers that could prevent you reaching your potential.

Take care, look after your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you very soon. And finally, remember - you are amazing.

Yours sincerely,



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