



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

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Dear parent/guardian of Year 11,

We wanted to update you on the next steps for year 11 students now that their assessment period is coming to an end.

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 May are normal school days: students will be attending all lessons as normal. On **Wednesday 19 May all students are in school as normal for lessons 1 and 2 but then students can sign out at 11:20am** to go home as this marks the end of the formal assessment process. If students cannot get home at 11:20am there will be provision for private study in the hall until the end of the school day.

If your child studies **ART** they will need to be in school all day on **BOTH Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 May** to complete their final piece which will make up a significant weight of their final grade, it is vital that they attend and stay in school for these two days. For all other students there are no lessons on Thursday 20 May or Friday 21 May. If your son/daughter has missed assessments, we will be in touch separately to discuss provision for this and they may be required to attend school on certain days between now and May half term.

From 24 May – 11 June (half term week is 31 May – 4 June) we will be offering a two week programme of **optional** subject sessions/workshops to help support students with their next steps and to develop skills for later in life. All students are welcome to attend any session, however it is vital that they book a place **in advance** and speak directly to the subject teacher who will explain any **prep work** they will need to do beforehand. Some sessions have limited numbers so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. I have included a copy of the timetable so you can see the available slots. **Students must not simply turn up to school unless they have been contacted about missing assessments or they have booked onto a timetabled session. A copy of the timetable of sessions is available on this [LINK](#)**

To book a place on a session please visit the year 11 'Teams' page and follow the link to the booking form. Times for these sessions follow the normal times of the school day e.g. session 2 will be during lesson 2 (10:20-11:20).

If students are attending these sessions they should arrive a few minutes before the start of the session, sign in via reception and follow the one-way system around school. All COVID safety regulations set up in school will still apply and it is vital students continue to follow the rules regarding masks etc. Students will also be expected to attend these sessions in uniform. It is vital students sign out of school at reception when they leave. Students will have to make their own way to and from school.

Some of our local schools are unable to provide a prom this year for their year 11 students due to current lockdown restrictions. We have consulted our year 11 and we are happy to confirm that we are able to host a prom for them here in school on **THURSDAY 24 JUNE**. Our 'Gallery' area used to be used as an art gallery and has the necessary facilities and can be dressed so that it will provide a tasteful and smart venue for this event. We are



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looking at costings but we very much hope that we can offer this at a reasonable price and will confirm details shortly.

Our students are 'on roll' with us until the end of the school year so if you need any support with 'next steps' or you have any issues please don't hesitate to contact us. **A reminder that GCSE results day is THURSDAY 12 AUGUST.** We will email details about collecting results nearer the time.

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their support during this time and congratulate the students on their hard work and commitment particularly during this assessment period. It has been a very difficult year for them with the uncertainty with GCSE exams.

With every best wish,

Ms Mottershaw
Assistant Head