



19 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we start the final term of the year, I write to you with an update around plans for Year 11 students for the remainder of their time with us.

You will be aware that GCSE grades this year are being awarded based on teacher assessment. To support this process, over the next 8 weeks we are providing Year 11 students with further opportunities to help evidence the grade at which they are working, to sit alongside and complement the work they have already done.

Students will complete assessments in each of their subjects. Subject leaders have shared their plans with students. These will range from full exam papers to smaller assessment pieces, all completed in class with their classroom teacher over a period of time between now and mid-June. Each assessment is one piece of the evidence which teachers will use alongside classwork and previous assessments (including external unit exams where appropriate), to support their decisions for the final grades to be submitted in mid-June. For absolute clarity, the mark/grade awarded for these assessments is no guarantee of the final grade which will be awarded.

These assessments will be the final opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability in each subject. It is crucial that our Year 11 students recognise that the final grades have not yet been calculated and that they should continue to apply their maximum effort and attention in lessons until the grade submission date has passed.

We would like to hold a final online parents' evening, which will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about any aspect of your child's final months with us. This will be held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 between 4.30pm and 7.00pm. You will be able to book this through the school cloud from Monday 19 April 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you our plans to give students some kind of 'send off' when they leave us at the end of the year, and which is befitting such an important conclusion to 12 years of education. Year 11 students will complete their last day at the Academy on Friday 18 June 2021. We would, therefore, like to propose a garden party/BBQ on Friday 25 June 2021 from 5.00pm until 8.00pm (approximately – timings to be confirmed and Covid regulations dependent). Students will be invited to join us based on their attitude to learning/behaviour over their final term with us. This event, if we are able to hold it, will be free of charge for students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel Garlick'.

Rachel Garlick
Head of Secondary