

16 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great pleasure that I write to you at the end of the first half term for Year 11. Students have returned to school under exceptional circumstances and have settled back into lessons brilliantly. Staff speak so highly of their classes; discussing with real pride, the work students are producing and the progress they are making. Praise is overwhelmingly positive for Year 11, with almost 5000 comments logged in the last 6 weeks alone. Students now receive their praise comments via email each week so please take time to speak to them about this and read what staff have said about their effort, attitude and achievements.

November Assessments

As we head towards a well-deserved half term, I would like to draw your attention to our November assessments when students will be formally assessed by departments. There are approximately 140 school days until students enter the examination halls in June 2021; it is important that we provide regular, timed assessments to ensure students are fully prepared and have structured experiences of exam conditions to evidence their skills and knowledge. These assessments will run throughout November and students will be prepared for this within lessons.

To support you as parents/carers, we are releasing on Monday 19 October 2020 our '**Y11 Information Event**' link. This will be sent as a text message and 'go live' on the Academy website. The Google site will contain information and presentations from all Heads of Departments about their subjects; examinations and assessments; effective revision strategies; how we use Google classrooms and blended learning; support for mental wellbeing as well as advice about careers and Post 16 applications.

Enrichment Package

In order to support students we are launching our Enrichment Package after half term. Targeted students, identified by teachers and the department, will be invited by staff to attend enrichments - the days are listed below for your reference. Once the bell rings, students must wait in U Block, attending sessions which run from 2:30 - 3:30. They must go directly to the allocated room and teacher - this is important for our track and trace process.

Day	Subject / Enrichment
Monday	English, Art
Wednesday	Maths, Art
Thursday	Science, Art
Friday	History, Geography, MFL, Art

Virtual enrichments will also be available in many departments via the Google classroom facility and how students can access these is covered in the Y11 Information Event.

Transport

OG4 is one of the popular routes, through Alverthorpe, Peacock, to Wakefield bus station then down Aberford Road past Pinderfields Hospital, to Stanley and back up towards the Coop on Leeds Road. From after half term, we have arranged with Arriva that the 3.30pm bus route will recommence to allow all targeted students to remain on

site to access these enrichment sessions. Polite reminder that masks must be worn when travelling on public transport and we ask that all students adhere to these guidelines.

Should you have any questions do not hesitate to get in contact. We continue to be very proud of our Year 11 students and likewise appreciate the continued support of parents/carers in helping us, to help students make a real success this academic year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Day
Vice Principal