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**ALL YEAR 11 PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite the strange situation we have found ourselves in this year, it is still staggering to realise that your child's secondary education is now coming to an end and they will be leaving us shortly. We hope, that despite the challenges we have all faced, your child will soon be ready and prepared for the next stage of their journey.

Firstly, please note that this is the final full week of examinations. On Friday 14 May 2021 students will be dismissed straight after their Mathematics exam (at 10.30am), unless they have a MFL speaking exam. On Monday 17 May 2021 students will be dismissed after their Physics Paper 2, unless they have an afternoon P.E. exam. By **Monday 17 May 2021 all written examinations will be completed.** After this time, students need only attend school for their practical examination(s) and any lessons that are required in the lead up to these practical sessions.

As we have said previously, the examinations your child has sat in these last weeks will play an integral part in determining their **Teacher Assessed Grades.** However, previous and additional assessments/examinations will also play a role in giving us the data required to achieve that holistic overview of your child. Grades will be determined through a robust process and all staff have received training, support and guidance on how to determine these grades. We are also in the fortunate position of having many examiners working at Dormston, so the level of expertise across the school is very high. In addition to this there are several checks in place, including a thorough process of standardisation and moderation in addition to Head of Department and Senior Leader checks before a Head Teacher sign off to ensure that all teacher judgements are fair and consistent. Students may have been told some marks for these assessments/examinations but they will not be told their T.A.G. as directed by JCQ.

If students are disappointed with their result one option available would be to re-sit the examination in the autumn. This is something they may want to discuss with their college. Further guidance from JCQ and OFQUAL regarding determining grades and the appeals process is fully detailed in their guidance which can be found on our website. It is important to note that grades can go down, up or stay the same as a consequence of the appeals process.

Once students have completed all their exams it is important that they spend some time preparing for their **next steps.** In June there will be a section on the school website dedicated to Year 11 leavers with information from local colleges and providers. This will

include: Reading lists and any virtual or physical transition events taking place within the colleges and post 16 providers. A groupcall text will be sent to you when this goes live.

Last week we were able to get the **National Citizen Service (NCS)** to come into the school and share the NCS programme with our students. This is an exciting opportunity for all Year 11 students and I am hoping your child has been able to take advantage of this extra experience. If you require further information on this please see the NCS link on our website.

As I have mentioned before, we will be holding a formal **Leavers' Day Celebration on Friday 28 May 2021** and all students are welcome to attend this event, unless they have been told otherwise. **Please note students must be in correct school uniform and adhere to all uniform requirements to attend.** If they would like to sign their shirts they must bring an extra one for this purpose. The event will begin at 10.40am in the atrium, where refreshments will be available and pupils will have a chance to collect their hoodies, sign their leavers' books and take photographs and watch a brief assembly in their forms.

**Results** will be issued on **Thursday 12 August 2021** via Go4Schools and a copy will be posted out. If your child feels that they need further support with their next steps we will offer CEIAG (Careers Education, Information and Guidance), through our careers advisers and representatives from some of our local colleges and other post 16 providers who will be in school between 10.00am and 12.00pm to answer any queries and support them in making this transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish all of our Year 11 students the very best in all their future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

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