

May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Since the recent return from lockdown, we have been immensely proud of how our Year 11 students have been working tirelessly towards providing a significant portfolio of evidence for the Teacher Assessed Grades. This evidence collected has been an accumulation of past exam papers, key indicator pieces, coursework and class pieces dating back to the beginning of the Key Stage 4 course. We are now approaching the point at which the majority of students have provided sufficient evidence to support our Teacher Assessed Grades.

It is with this in mind, that I would like to inform you that at the end of **Friday 28th May** students will begin their study leave. The official leaving date for Year 11 is Friday 25th of June.

Please note, if we require additional work in order to evidence the Teacher Assessed Grade for a subject we will ask specific students to remain in the academy and work with us after the study leave date of 28th May.

During this study period students will also be expected to participate in lessons within the academy or Google meets to access the following opportunities:

- Attend 'Bridging' lessons in those subjects that they wish to take on in A Level. Staff are keen to teach some classes to bridge the gap between GCSE and A level courses. We believe this will support your transition no matter where you intend to study.
- GCSE Drama students will be required to do their final exam performance on the 7th June.
- Engage in a number of sessions delivered via google classroom on careers via website <https://sites.google.com/haslandhall.outwood.com/deepexperience/home> . Sessions such as 'effective interviews' will be invaluable as they have not been able to take place with employers as we would have normally planned.
- Links to college courses that may be provided for us to share with you.

As students will still be on our roll until the official leaving date (25th June), we will continue to make welfare calls to support students.

As government guidance prevents large group gatherings, we hope to provide a leaving assembly once restrictions are lifted after June 21st.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given over the past year. I am genuinely proud of the way students have conducted themselves as they have experienced a number of disruptions in their learning. I look forward to celebrating the outcomes from the Teacher Assessed Grades on Thursday 12th August.

Yours sincerely



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