

HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Year 11,

Well done on getting to the end of what has been a really difficult and trying term for lots of different reasons. It still feels like only yesterday I was delivering my first online business lesson of the term, or planning my Weekly Briefings to you all, and now here we are at the end of Term 2. There has been much speculation and uncertainty in the last term but I have always made it my ambition to keep you as up to date and informed along the way and I hope you feel both communicated with and listened to throughout this process.

Having read all the guidance coming out from the Department for Education on how your grades would be assessed this summer, we now feel we have a model which is fair to all and which is designed to give you the best possible chance to show us exactly what you are capable of. It is important that you remember these are short assessments, rather than 90 minute long exam papers. It is vital that you take these assessments seriously, that you plan your revision over the Easter holidays around the topics you have been presented with. Seize this moment for the opportunity which it is. Rarely will Year 11 students have been in a position where they know so much about the content of their assessments. No matter how you have performed in the last 18 months, make the next few weeks the most important in your school lives so far. This is your chance to shine!

A copy of the Subject Assessment Timetable which you received this afternoon is attached together with information from JCQ for students and parents.

Year 11 were due to receive a progress report this week. We will confirm further details on the publication of final reports once we have received formal response from exam boards given the exceptional circumstances this academic year.

Many of you have been asking the question as to when you will break up from school for the last time. Currently, government guidelines are stating that 25th June 2021 is your last day in school. I would like to reassure you that we will do everything we can to celebrate the end of your time with us in the time-honoured and traditional way and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Head Prefects, Billy and Beth, for their work with us in helping shape your last day. More details will follow on this, but we are fully committed to giving you the send-off you so richly deserve.

I would like to finish by saying I wish you all a very happy, relaxing, but productive Easter Holiday. Plan your time, drink water, exercise, and spend time with loved ones. You've got this.

Mr P Hart
Assistant Headteacher

