



Update for Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 11 students,

I am writing to update you on a number of important matters regarding Year 11 students at this time.

Firstly, you will be aware that Year 11 students are about to begin their classroom assessments using the latest pre-released assessment materials. These classroom assessments are instead of final public examinations and will be used as evidence when teachers submit grades. An overview of the evidence used to establish teachers grades for each subject will be shared with both parents and students, alongside an overview of all the steps taken by the Academy, ahead of the final submission date of 18th June. Mr Hart will also be presenting an assembly to Year 11 students today around expectations for these assessments and you will have received a timetable ahead of the Easter break of when classroom assessments will be taking place for each subject. If you have any specific concerns regarding your child's attendance at school over the coming weeks please also notify Mr Hart at this stage; his email address is philip.hart@holbrookacademy.org. Mr Anstee-Parry and his SEN team will also be contacting parents / carers of any student who have access arrangements ahead of next week.

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that at the beginning of the academic year, Holbrook Academy launched the Go4Schools app to parents of all our students. This app remains a great way to view all data on your child, including their timetable for the day/week, details of home learning, attendance, behaviour points and, of course, how they are performing academically. You can also view the same data via any web browser, either on your phone or PC, using the login details held by the school. If you have never logged on to G4S, you will need to visit the Go4Schools website for parents and click on the "First Time User" link and follow the instructions contained therein. On your child's page, you will see their Minimum Expected Grade (MEG) and their Current Grade. The MEG is calculated using KS2 data; this generates data which allows us to create a grade which is achievable, yet also aspirational for each student on an individual basis. The Current Grade is the level at which your son or daughter is currently working. If you have any issues with accessing G4S or understanding any of the data contained within, please contact Mr Hart at the Academy and he will provide any additional support you require.

At the end of the academic year Year 11 students will now be presented with their Record of Achievement. We hope that we will be able to present this important document in a formal setting but this will be determined by the latest public health guidance for schools; I will keep both students and parents updated in response to any changes to current guidance. We will also be providing further information regarding the changes to the curriculum once all classroom assessments have been completed and ahead of the final end of term on 25th June.

Finally, I am determined that Year 11 get to enjoy a well deserved Prom. We are currently looking at all appropriate options regarding both date and venue whilst again ensuring that public health guidance informs this event. I do want to assure you, at this stage, that this Prom will not be in either July or August when I know some of you may already have chosen to take a family holiday. We also are currently working with Year 11 student council on their Year book and hoodies!



I am sorry that some of our normal end of year events for Year 11 students can't be more definite at this time; but hope you understand that whilst I am working to ensure that our students get the leaving experience they so richly deserve, I am also ensuring that all events comply with the latest national public health guidance.

If you have any further questions or feedback regarding the coming weeks for Year 11 students please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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Headteacher