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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning to school two weeks ago, Year 11 students have adopted a positive attitude to their studies and face-to-face teaching. We would like to thank you for your unwavering support of your children on their return to school, and indeed for the past year, since the uncertainty surrounding GCSE exams began.

Upon their return to school, teachers and leaders have re-engaged the students in the curriculum, in some areas conducting mini-tests and exam-style tasks that will contribute to the judgements the school will be making on the grades awarded in the summer. We are awaiting final confirmation from the exam boards regarding the evidence required, which we expect at the beginning of next week. The aim of the testing that Year 11s will complete until the end of May is so that the school has a wide evidence base to justify the best possible outcomes for the students, as we anticipate and welcome external scrutiny to validate our results this summer.

We understand that you may have questions surrounding your children's journey with us until the end of Year 11. Therefore, we have created a series of frequently asked questions to share key information with you.

Should any details change as a result of subsequent government announcements, we will update you at the earliest opportunity.

#### **How will Centre Assessed Grades be awarded?**

Centre Assessed Grades will be awarded using a range of evidence we have to support a judgement about students' ability in each subject area. The process will involve teachers, subject leaders and senior leaders marking, moderating and reviewing students' performance. We await further details and guidance from *Ofqual* in the coming weeks to finalise plans in different subject areas.

#### **What assessment work and test will we complete in school?**

The assessment work will vary across curriculum areas, again we await further details and guidance from *Ofqual* in the coming weeks to finalise plans in each subject areas. It is anticipated that the process will involve using a mixture of work in exercise books, completed assessments, and exam style questions. *Ofqual* and exam boards will release materials and guidance in the coming weeks and we will use the guidance to support the accurate and fair assessment of all students.

#### **Will there still be interventions in the summer term?**

English, Maths and Science interventions will be running during tutor time. These students have been identified by their teachers and should be attend these sessions twice a week.

Some subjects that have coursework to complete will be running interventions sessions after school. If your child has been invited, we will inform students through their tutors and also display on the intervention board outside the Hub and notify parents via email. The subjects running after school interventions will change every week, so please keep an eye on your email accounts.

If your child is unable to attend any of these sessions, please inform Miss Newman in advance of the session.

#### **What should I do if my child hasn't yet been offered a place at college?**

If students are struggling with a plan for a post 16 placement, whether that be at college or an apprenticeship, they should speak to their tutor or contact Mrs. Carey in person or via email: [Julie.Carey@lyndon.org.uk](mailto:Julie.Carey@lyndon.org.uk)

If students have applied, but they haven't received an interview date yet, students need to contact the college to ensure they have received your application and to arrange an interview date with them. Once you have received a college offer you must let your form tutor and Mrs Carey know.

**What should students do if they are worried they will not achieve the grades they need for their course / apprenticeship?**

If students are worried that they will not achieve the grades needed for their chosen course / apprenticeship, please see Miss Newman (Achievement Leader) or Mrs Carey. We can check the offer against your current grades and let you know if you need to apply for a course at a different level.

**When will our last day in school be?**

This has not yet been confirmed, but we will inform parents and students when a date is set.

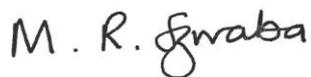
**Will we have a prom?**

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we have taken the decision to cancel the prom. However, we are making arrangements to celebrate your time at Lyndon. We will share plans for this event in the summer term.

Should you have any further questions or queries, please complete the Microsoft Form <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=H26mO2Gp3Uqkz69iFOio0CZeHJJ-UxJNpfUeMxnRevtUMEpWRlpaTEhZRERLM0VEQjZPQzY1WDZUQi4u>

by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and a member of staff will return your call between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Szwaba  
Vice Principal