

FAO: Parents & Carers of Students in Year 11

RE: Clarification regarding the summer term for students in Year 11

**Dear Parents & Carers** 

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well at this time.

I would like to begin by praising the students in Year 11 regarding their attitude and engagement upon their return to the classroom for what will be their final term at Denton Community College. They appear focussed and determined to apply themselves to the work and assessments they are currently undertaking to ensure they secure the grades they deserve. If you wish to review how these grades are awarded, this <u>link</u> will take you to my letter from **12**<sup>th</sup> **March 2021** which explains the process in detail.

This will be the final term of the secondary phase of the educational journey for the Class of 2021. I would like to clarify some of the key dates for students over the next few months.

Between now and **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021** Year 11 will continue to attend school as usual to complete the work and assessments that contribute to their final grades. This will also be the date for the final submission of portfolios or work for practical and vocational subjects.

Following the reopening of school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021** lessons for Year 11 students will be suspended and they will not be required to attend school each day unless directed to do so by their teacher. However between **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021** students are asked to be on standby so that they can be invited back by their teachers if necessary to complete any outstanding tasks needed to add to the evidence used by teachers to award exam grades.

On **Friday 18**<sup>th</sup> **June** the final teacher assessed grades will be uploaded to the exam boards for processing. This means from this date students will no longer be able to contribute evidence and their presence in school is no longer required.

Moving forward we are in contact with the local Post-16 providers and are in the process of updating them with the syllabus content covered by the students. These providers will be in touch with students after **18**<sup>th</sup> **June 2021** with bridging units of work to support their transition into further education.

Whilst Year 11 students will no longer be required to attend Denton Community College after the dates mentioned, we do hope to remain in touch with them into the summer. As soon as we are allowed, we will contact students regarding the 'Class of 2021 Leavers' Assembly. Hopefully this will take place before the official leaving date of **30**<sup>th</sup> **June 2021** but may be pushed back into July. The most important date will of course be GCSE Results Day which will take place on **Thursday 12**<sup>th</sup> **August 2021**. We will forward details regarding arrangements for this closer to half term.

This is a stressful and emotional time for Year 11 and we are here to support them in any way we can. I would like to once again thank all our parents and carers of Year 11 students for your continued support in the education of your children over the last five years.

Yours sincerely

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