



FAO: Parents & Carers of Year 11 Students

RE: End of Year Arrangements

Dear Parents & Carers

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

As our Year 11 students near the end of their final assessments, I would like to express on behalf of my staff, how impressed we have been with their attitude and efforts in recent months. They have risen to the challenges placed in front of them over the last year and have demonstrated levels of resilience they probably didn't realise they possessed. We have asked a lot of them in recent weeks and they really have begun to write their own futures.

As you will be aware, the last day Year 11 need to attend school will be **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. This is the final day for students to submit work to teachers for marking so that it can be included for consideration as evidence for their final teacher assessed grades (TAGs). We ask that students continue to make themselves available for contact and possible attendance at school between **Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021** in case additional evidence is required to support their TAG. I would also like to reaffirm that parents and carers should not contact school to request their child's TAGs. This is not a school decision, but one that has been directed by Ofqual and the examination boards. Schools are asked that any request made to them by a parent or carer regarding their child's TAGs be reported to the relevant examination awarding body. This request will then be deemed as malpractice, which in turn could affect the grade awarded and in some cases stop the awarding of a grade altogether. Further details regarding the awarding of TAGs can be found on the JCQ website, which can be accessed [here](#). In addition the 'DCC Centre Policy for GCSE TAGs' can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#).

It is important to us that we mark the leaving of our Year 11 students. They have spent up to five years with us and we have many shared memories of their time at Denton Community College. If the Government plans to remove further restrictions go ahead on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**, we plan to hold the Year 11 Leaver's Assembly in school on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021** at 12.30pm. If current restrictions are still in place at that time, we may have to re-arrange for a date later in the term.

We have been in contact with local post-16 providers to inform them of the units of work completed by our Year 11 students over the last two years. Local Further Education establishments will be providing bridging units of work for students to complete before enrolling on their post-16 courses at the end of August. Any further information we receive from providers will be emailed directly to students and made available on our website.

Traditionally, when students leave in Year 11, parents and carers frequently donate items of uniform that are no longer needed to the school. We are always very grateful to receive these donations and this year is no exception. Donations can be dropped off at the main reception after **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June** during normal opening hours. Students will not be required wear uniform at their Year 11 Leaver's Assembly so that they can donate items of uniform on that day.

Once Year 11 leave there are still two very important events for them to attend here at Denton Community College. Results Day will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. We will write to students with details for

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the day, which will include a time slot to pick up their results. These slots will be based upon the students form group and will also be posted on our website. Further details regarding Results Day will be emailed home after the half-term holiday. During the autumn term, the Class of 2021 will be invited to return to Denton Community College for their Certificate Evening. This is usually calendared in November, as it cannot take place until we have received all the certificates from the exam boards.

Finally, it seems no time at all since this cohort of students joined us in September 2016. Whilst their time in secondary education has been like no other year group before them, the staff at Denton Community College feel privileged to have shared this journey with them. We would all like to thank you for your support over the last five years in the education of the young people of Denton.

Yours sincerely



Greg Rule  
Headteacher