

29th April 2021

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to update you regarding Year 11 assessments and the end to their academic year.

Portfolio Assessments

As you will be aware Year 11 GCSE students are currently conducting classroom-based Portfolio Assessments. This is the second series of assessments which will be used to award students their Teacher Assessed Grades.

Following these assessments there will be two more opportunities for students to provide evidence. These will be as follows:

- Week beginning 10th May: Portfolio Assessment Week.
- Week beginning 24th May: This week will be the final opportunity to sit assessments. Students will complete 1 more short assessment in class (approximately 30minutes).

Entry Level

Students are currently completing the work for their courses within their lessons.

Evidence which will be used to award grades

As per our centre policy for teacher assessed grades the evidence sources we will use to award grades are as follows:

- *Teachers making judgements will have regard to all relevant guidance including from Ofqual, awarding organisations and Oasis Community Learning.*
- *All candidate evidence used to determine teacher assessed grades, and associated documentation, will be retained and made available for the purposes of external quality assurance and appeals.*
- *We will be using student work produced in response to assessment materials provided by our awarding organisation(s), including groups of questions, past papers or similar materials such as practice or sample papers.*
- *In relevant subjects, we will use non-exam assessment work (often referred to as coursework), even if this has not been fully completed.*
- *We will use student work produced in centre-devised tasks that reflect the specification, that follow the same format as awarding organisation materials, and have been marked in a way that reflects awarding organisation mark schemes.*
- *We will use substantial class or homework (including work that took place during remote learning) **where appropriate.***
- *We will use internal tests taken by pupils.*
- *We will use mock exams taken over the course of study.*
- *We will use records of a student's capability and performance over the course **where appropriate.***

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End of timetabled lessons

Timetabled lessons for our Year 11 students will formally end on Friday 28th May.

From this point forward we will have a bespoke timetable including:

- Incomplete assessments: for students who have missed assessments
- Incomplete coursework: for students who need to finish this.
- Future destinations meetings: minimum 1 per student
- Communications for safeguarding / student support

As a result of this all students should remain contactable and available to attend the Academy site until June 25th 2021.

Transport

Those students who travel to and from school on school's transport will still travel this way on the days they are required to attend the academy site.

Missed Assessments

Some students have missed assessments due to an absence from the Academy. These assessments will be completed in the weeks between assessments (3rd May, 17th May). It is imperative that students complete these assessments so that we have the evidence required to assign them a GCSE or Entry Level grade.

If a child refuses to complete an assessment they leave themselves at risk of underachievement. If we do not have the evidence to support a grading decision, we cannot award grades based on *potential*. There are special circumstances to which this rule does not apply, if you are concerned by this, please contact the Director of Centre or 360.

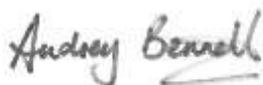
Prom / Leavers breakfast

Understandably there is still some uncertainty around the Year 11 Prom. We will provide an update as soon as we can. We do intend to host a Leavers breakfast on site in the week beginning 14th June.

Finally, I would like to thank you for continuing to support your child through the final year of their education.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact audrey.bennett@oasisbrislington.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Audrey Bennett'.

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