

May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Teaching and Learning Update – Year 11

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the uncertainty we continue to face. When we started the year together, we were looking forward to embedding and mastering the key knowledge, skills and understanding in each of your child's chosen GCSE courses. We did not envisage the significant change to society that we continue to experience, or the wider impact that it would have on both students and families across the country.

Although we are navigating the unknown together, I hope that during this difficult time you and your child have appreciated the continued support we have provided through our home learning programme and that together you have both felt valued as part of 'Team Mayfield'.

Home Learning

We are proud of the continued engagement of our Year 11 cohort throughout this term; the dedication they have shown to their learning in spite of the challenges we face is inspiring. I know that you will join me in thanking our incredible team of staff at Mayfield for their continued commitment; our staff, just like you, have been working harder than ever to find ways to connect with, and bring learning to, those students at home.

As we approach the end of this half term, we do so with a renewed sense of direction as we turn our attention to the next steps your child will take as they graduate from Mayfield as a valued member of our community. Whether your child is transitioning to college or embarking on an apprenticeship, we are dedicated to ensuring your child is as prepared as possible as they begin the next exciting phase of their learning journey.

To realise our continued commitment, your child's class teachers have today released all Year 11 students from their timetabled lessons and will therefore no longer set them work to complete when we return from May half term. This will empower your child with the time to focus their attentions on securing strong foundations for their future and their fast approaching transition.

Transition to Year 12

Both colleges and apprenticeship providers across the city are dedicated to ensuring you have all the information you need for your child's academic transition, promoting the value of scholarship and further developing their independence as a young adult. If your child has already applied for a college place to start this September, it is likely that the college will have been in contact with them already to support in navigating a successful transition to their chosen course(s).

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Likewise, we are passionate about ensuring that your child transitions positively from Mayfield. To support this further, we have collated all the available resources from both colleges and apprenticeship providers and made them available centrally through a dedicated Year 11 Transition Toolkit on our school website.

Included within our comprehensive Year 11 Transition Toolkit is:

- a suite of bespoke resources from each college,
- complementary subject-specific PiXL workbooks to scaffold academic transition to college,
- GCSEPod transition package to prepare for learning at A-level,
- access to the Southampton Flying Start Programme to help young people in Year 11 plan, prepare for and make decisions about their next steps,
- information on summer internships available through InvestIN, and
- access to live webinars via the Solent Apprenticeship Hub.

Should you or your child have any questions surrounding careers, college or apprenticeships, please refer to Access Southampton in the first instance which can be accessed using the following link: <http://access-southampton.co.uk/leaving-school>. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs J Rance (Careers Adviser) by email using Jan.Rance@OasisMayfield.org for additional information or guidance.

GCSE Results Day

As is tradition across the country, each year we join together to celebrate our students' successes as they collect their final GCSE results in August. This year, these celebrations are likely to look very different. Whilst we know that GCSE results will continue to be published to students on **Thursday 20 August 2020**, I know you will appreciate the evolving landscape of health and safety surrounding Covid-19 means that, at this point, we are unable to confirm any firm arrangements for collecting your child's GCSE results in August.

This being said, we are continuing to plan a range of possibilities and, once we receive further guidance from both the government and the Department for Education, we will be in a better position communicate our plans further. We want to reassure you, however, that the safety and wellbeing of both our student and staff community will remain our utmost priority and any plans we develop will be built around this as our core focus.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued support. If you wish to discuss the contents of this letter further, I would welcome further contact by email using Simon.Knight@oasismayfield.org.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Knight
Assistant Principal