



May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

## Teaching and Learning Update – Year 11

Thank you for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times. I am proud of how our year 11 students have risen to the multiple challenges posed by the pandemic and have shown both resilience and determination this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible team of staff that have worked tirelessly to ensure that our Year 11s have had the best possible opportunities to learn. The hours that have been spent in planning and delivering both virtual and face to face learning and their dedication to ensure students assessments are completed on time so your son/daughter is awarded a teacher assessed grades (TAG) in line with the JCQ guidance.

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.

## Transition to Year 12

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 students will be working virtually from home. Both colleges and apprenticeship providers across the city have dedicated time to create high quality resources to ensure the students have all the information needed for their academic transition. 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).

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, this will be updated regularly throughout the summer term.

<https://www.oasisacademymayfield.org/curriculum/year-11-transition>

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,
- A 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 <https://www.sunoutreach.org/flying-start/?flying-start-categories=flying-start-southampton>
- information on summer internships available through InvestIN, and access to live webinars via the Solent Apprenticeship Hub.

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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](mailto:Jan.Rance@OasisMayfield.org) for additional information or guidance. Mrs Rance will be available to support onsite on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30 – 9.30 should your child wish to arrange a face to face meeting.

## GCSE Results Day

As is tradition across the country, each year we join to celebrate our students' successes as they collect their final GCSE results in August. This year, these celebrations are likely to look very different, the GCSE results will be published to students on **Thursday 12 August 2021**. 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.

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 to 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.

## Year 11 Graduation celebration

I am aware that many students, parents and staff are keen to celebrate with year 11 their achievements at Mayfield. In the past we have welcomed the opportunity to organise a celebration with an event off site where students have had the opportunity to meet and enjoy an evening of photographs, dinner, music and dancing. Unfortunately, this is something that we are unable to accommodate this year due to the changing landscape with regards to COVID 19. With this in mind, we would still like to consider a graduation and celebration event at Oasis Mayfield on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021. This will be dependant on the national restrictions and may not be able to go ahead should we see a rise in infection rates locally or nationally. Further information will follow closer to the date.

Year 11 last day of learning on site will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We hope to have an extended celebration assembly led by their Head of Year – Mr Salzman from 12.00 -1.00pm, followed by the normal lunch time arrangements before our students depart to enjoy a well-deserved rest over the half-term holiday.

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 [Kalavati.warwick@oasismayfield.org](mailto:Kalavati.warwick@oasismayfield.org)

Yours faithfully

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