



17th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we continue to work together to support all of our Year 11 pupils to achieve the best outcomes possible, I am writing to you to share some key information that will support our drive to success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a few thankyou's.

First of all, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support.

It has been outstanding and fully appreciated by all staff at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy.

Research shows that close partnership work between home and school is a key factor in securing positive outcomes for young people and it has been a privilege and honour to serve and walk with you on your child's journey to success.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and commend our young people for the hard work they have put into their studies over the past five years and for the resilience, compassion and positivity they have shown, particularly in recent adverse times.

Such maturity is testament to their character, tenacity and sense of community.

I have every confidence that the many skills they have developed, experiences they have shared and successes they have accomplished during their 5 years at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy, will enable them to go out and shape society for the next generation and I wish them every blessing and success for the future.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Wilkinson
Headteacher



Year 11 Assessments

We are almost at the end of our period of formal assessments for our Year 11 pupils. Whilst it has been a turbulent year for pupils facing examinations, attendance in Year 11 has been excellent and pupils have conducted themselves commendably. During the final two weeks of the half term pupils in Year 11 are working through a series of assessed tasks that contribute towards their portfolio of assessment. It is important therefore, that pupils continue their excellent attendance and work ethic to accumulate the broad range of evidence that is required to award their Teacher Assessed Grades. With continued hard work pupils can be rightly proud of their achievements this year.

Y11 GCSE Results Day

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to receive their GCSE results on Thursday 12th August. Pupils can enter school from the main reception between 9.30am – 11am. If pupils are unable to collect their results, please let the school office know and we can arrange for results to be posted.

Year 11 Transition Programme

We have designed a bespoke transition programme for Year 11 to support their transition into higher education and the next steps into their future. The programme will run from 7th to the 25th June and includes a range of in school and remote learning-based opportunities. Please see attached documents which are also found on our website. More details will follow over the next couple of weeks and pupils will be issued with a unique log in to Unifrog. Unifrog is an impartial, user-friendly platform that brings all the available information about higher education, apprenticeships and careers together. We hope all pupils will find the programme supportive and helpful in making that next step into their future. We will ask all pupils to register their attendance on Teams if working remotely (as they did during lockdown) from 7th to the 25th June. This will enable us to continue to monitor attendance and support all of our pupils.

Last Week

During the last week of term, we will be holding a number of special events for our Year 11 pupils. On Thursday we will have our Sports afternoon which will include traditional sport and lots of fun games! On Friday we will finish the week with our reflective leavers' liturgy and our special lunch. Pupils will finish school at 12.20pm on Friday 28th May.

Laptops

Please can all school laptops be returned to school no later than Friday 25th June 2021.

Uniform and Revision Guides

Throughout Year 10 and Year 11, pupils received a number of GCSE revision guides in school from various subjects. Please can all subject specific revision guides be returned to school no later than Friday 25th June. Thank you for your support with this. Also if you have any items of uniform that you would like to donate to the school for other pupils, please bring them in a bag and leave at the school office.