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Year 11 Leavers' Arrangements

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

I am writing with regard to the leaving arrangements for Year 11 this year.

On 6th April, the Department for Education (DfE) released guidance for schools on leaving arrangements for Year 11 students in 2021. I am writing to let you know how this guidance affects students in Year 11 and how we plan to manage the final weeks of schooling for this cohort.

The legal leaving date for Year 11 students

The legal leaving date for Year 11 students is the last Friday in June each year (which means 25th June 2021 for this cohort). Students remain on roll at Farmor's School until this date.

In normal years, students are on study leave for the final weeks of their schooling whilst they sit examinations. Obviously, this year is different. We are required to submit grades for students by 18th June, which means that all assessments must be finished some time before this date.

The DfE have asked schools to ensure that students are supported in the time between their final assessment and the official leaving date of 25th June to undertake activities which support progression to the next stage of education. There is no expectation that this means full-time study in school, but could include self-directed activities at home or time with their post-16 provider.

What are our plans?

The last day all Year 11 students are required to attend school to complete GCSE courses and assessments is Friday 28th May.

From Tuesday 1st June (after half term) we are planning and negotiating a range of activities for Year 11 students so they may make good use of their final weeks in compulsory education.

For those intending to study A Levels next year we are offering a part-time immersion programme from 8th to 25th June. This will be open to:

- Those who have applied to attend our Sixth Form.
- Those who intend to study A Levels at another post-16 provider, but who would like to participate in this preparatory work.

Further details will follow about this programme.



What about students not intending to study A Levels?

We are also keen to ensure that students not intending to study A Levels next year make good use of this time. I have written a joint letter with Kingshill School, Deer Park School, and Sir William Romney's School (the South Cotswold secondary schools) to the main post-16 providers in the area to ask what they intend to offer students who have applied to them during this time.

Headteachers in Gloucestershire are also in discussions with the local authority about what can be offered, particularly for those students who have yet to secure a post-16 place or are pursuing vocational pathways.

Should other post-16 providers not offer anything for their future students, we will then advise how these students can make best use of this time up until 25th June.

In summary

It is important to note that Year 11 students must be available for educational activities up to and including 25th June. The summer break does not start until after 25th June, and the laws around employment of children in compulsory education still apply until this date.

To summarise, the position at this time is as follows:

- **The final day as Year 11 students completing GCSE courses will be Friday 28th May. This is our 'Leavers Day' and will be the last time the whole year group are together.**
- Year 11 are still legally in compulsory education until 25th June and should be engaged in constructive activity to support their progression to post-16 education.
- All Sixth Form applicants and those intending to study A Levels next year at other institutions are invited to attend our A Level immersion experience from 8th to 25th June (details to follow).
- We are awaiting confirmation from other post-16 providers as to what their offer is.
- We are awaiting information from the local authority about what other general provision will be in place across the County.

Our aim is to ensure that all students have secured a post-16 place for next academic year and that they are prepared for this transition. We will provide you with more information about the offer for students when it becomes available.

Yours sincerely



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