



11 January 2021

Good afternoon

I trust you all had a restful weekend and are ready for the week ahead. There were no real developments of note over the weekend but there are some updates to share with you.

January Examinations

We held Post 16 and GCSE examinations on site today and these were well attended, especially Yr13 with 100%. We have further exams this week and I would encourage you to look again at the letter sent by Mrs Embrey outlining everything we are doing to make the exams safe as well as the unknown circumstances around the summer examination series. Based on this information please decide with your child what you wish to do. We will support the decision that you make in these challenging circumstances. All we ask is that you let us know if you are not attending the exam as this will save us having to phone and chase up. All replies should go to Mrs Embrey and Mrs Marston.

Ofqual consultation on Summer Examination Series

We are expecting to receive this later this week. I will send it to you as soon as I receive it. As with last year we will look closely at the criteria for deciding grades, access arrangements and students with SEND and the impact of the proposals on students in Year 9 & 10 who are studying a one year GCSE option as these were the major issues last year.

Year 11 and Level 2 Parents Evening- 19th January 2021

Letters were sent out for this today and the bookings will open tomorrow at 8am. I would encourage all parents and their students to sign up for as many appointments as possible as it will be crucial to have an understanding of where your child is at the moment and what they need to focus on for the remainder of the year, regardless of what happens around examinations.

Careers interviews

Details of the careers interviews for the next few days have been issued to students. Please check with your child if they have an appointment this week and remind them to ask their teacher's permission to leave their lesson early to attend.

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Mass testing consent

Thanks to those of you who have completed the consent form agreeing for your child to be tested. Approximately a third of the school community has agreed to take part in the programme. If you wish for your child to be tested please complete the form using the link below. A couple of parents have asked if they have to fill in the form if they do not wish their child to be tested and the answer is no you do not. You only need to complete the form if you wish your child to be part of the programme.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FKPgQBg02E-HRai-OC_x3Lxw8k6lrO9HhxHAICkLPqdUOUdHSjMwUjYxRkxLRE9JMVNVTIJQVIMzNC4u

Best wishes for a restful evening and an enjoyable week ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Cunningham', written in a cursive style.

Graham Cunningham
Headteacher