

RC/JAE

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Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers

These are very strange times! Thank you for your patience and engagement with current provision. The situation is very fluid and news from the Department for Education regarding Year 11 changes on an almost daily basis.

However, the key consistent messages are:

- Year 11 students will complete some form of assessment in order to support the gaining of valued qualifications this summer.
- All Year 11 students need to remain engaged with learning across every area of the curriculum in order to complete the required coverage of the examination syllabus.
- Lessons will continue online until at least February half term.
- Every Year 11 student will be able to collect or have sent to them a resource pack with information, research and mock papers by the end of this week. Mr Barrett will be in touch with further details.
- Year 11 tutors will be making regular contact to ensure all students are engaging with schoolwork and checking that Post 16 planning is still taking place. Colleges and apprenticeship providers are still welcoming applications.
- Those Year 11 students onsite are taking part in Lateral Flow Testing on a regular basis for COVID-19 and taking any appropriate action.

Thank you to all Year 11 students who are engaging and working hard to sustain their studies.

The news this week paints a very negative picture for the next few weeks in terms of increased numbers of COVID-19 cases. Therefore, I want to insist that you take care of yourselves and follow the guidance on staying safe. Despite the promise of a successful vaccine, it will be some weeks yet before its impact is felt across the country and, especially, in our community.

I will keep you informed of any further updates regarding your curriculum and assessments.

Keep in touch via Teams, e-mail or phone call.

Yours sincerely

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