



7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Leaving date for Year 11

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education has announced they are not changing the legislation that governs compulsory school age. As usual, pupils cease to be of compulsory school age on the last Friday of June in the year in which they turn 16. This means that those pupils (most of whom will be in Year 11) are not required to attend school after this date. This year the last Friday is **25th June 2021**.

The Department of Education has set out guidance for schools about valuable activities pupils should be engaged in during the month of June before they officially leave. This does not mean full-time provision for all Year 11 students and could include activities such as visits to education providers, independent study or remote provision combined with attendance in person. Our view is that, due to the amount of missed schooling during the pandemic, all our students should continue with meaningful schooling. We are, therefore, designing a variety of programmes for our students depending on their next steps.

There are four pathways for Year 11 after half-term:

### **A. Students planning to study A levels (no matter where they have chosen to study them)**

From 7<sup>th</sup> June students studying A levels are expected to be in school, full-time to start their A level courses, until **25th June**. Students will start the A levels they have chosen and have opportunity to try different A level courses to give them a solid foundation in their studies for September. They will be treated as Sixth Formers and will no longer be required to wear school uniform.

### **B. Students planning to move to a College of Further Education to study Level 3 vocational courses**

From 7<sup>th</sup> June students are not expected to be in school full-time, but we will be running some lessons based on their programme of study. They will be provided with taster days at all the colleges so that they can visit before starting. We will also be giving them bridging work which they should complete online.

### **C. Students planning to return to Alexandra for our Professional Pathways (BTEC Business and Sport)**

From 7<sup>th</sup> June students are expected to be in school full-time to start their courses until **25th June**. If they wish, students will have the opportunity to try different courses to give them a solid foundation in their studies for September.

They will be treated as Sixth Formers and will no longer be required to wear the uniform.

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**D. Students who have secured a college place and/or an apprenticeship in a skilled vocational course, such as building trades, childcare, hairdressing, catering etc.**

From 7<sup>th</sup> June students are not expected in school after half-term. They will be provided with taster days at all the colleges so that they can visit before starting. We will also be giving them bridging work that they should complete online.

**E. Students who have not secured a place in education or training for September**

From 7<sup>th</sup> June **students are expected to be in school full-time** so that we can support their applications. Once a place has been secured, they will not be expected in school. They will be provided with taster days at the colleges they have applied to. We will also be giving them bridging work that they should complete online.

We expect completion of all coursework and assessments by 27<sup>th</sup> May. We will not extend an invite to the Prom to those students who haven't used the opportunity of this half-term getting all work completed.

We will, of course, be happy to discuss any of these arrangements. We recognise that Year 11 have spent a significant amount of time learning remotely and so wish to provide them with meaningful studies until the last possible moment in the summer term. Our intention is to set them up for the best possible start for their next step in September.

If you are unsure about which pathway your son/daughter should follow after half-term, please contact Mrs Deeprise or Mr Morris.

We so appreciate all you have done to support your son/daughter over what has been an extraordinary 18 months.

Kind regards,



Liam Collins  
Principal