

Dear Year 11 Parents/ Carers

Year 11 Students

I am writing in follow-up to the letter dated 26th April 2021 which outlined the arrangements for Year 11 students over the next few weeks.

Final assessment (Friday 14th May 2021)

Students have an English Language assessment (1h 30 mins) starting at 8.45am. They may go home after this.

Remote provision (17th May -26th May 2021)

As you will be aware, Year 11 students will no longer need to attend school from the completion of their final assessment on Friday 14th May 2021. However, there will be a contingency assessment period between Monday 17th May to Wednesday 26th May 2021 in case, for example, students need to self-isolate between now and 14th May 2021.

The school will be providing remote learning for all Year 11 students between Monday 17th May to Wednesday 26th May 2021. This will include the provision of some additional teaching and resources in a number of subjects as well as the sharing of other resources to support your child with the transition to post-16 study.

a) Additional subject teaching

This will include resources (including some live lessons) posted on Google Classroom in the subjects where elements of the GCSE specification were not completed. These resources will focus on the topics which the students will need to have covered if they are going on to study the subject at post-16 level. Teachers in these subjects will post material on Google Classroom over the next few days and will also let their classes know when any live lessons will be taking place. The 'normal' school timetable will not be running.

The subjects which will be making additional resources available are:

Chemistry, DT, English, Food, French, Geography, German, Maths, Spanish

In the case of the other subjects, the students have covered all the material required for post-16 study and in most cases the full specification was taught.

b) Post-16 transition materials

We will also be sharing other resources to support your child with their transition to post-16 study. These include resources provided by The Henley College and The Piggott School as well as resources provided by two other organisations (GCSE Pod and PiXL). We are aware that some other local schools and colleges will be providing transition materials directly to the students who have applied to them rather than sharing them with us.

We will also be providing the students with a link to our Careers website which contains opportunities for students to apply for virtual work experience with a range of companies and organisations. It also provides links to information relating to both post-16 study and also to higher (post-18) educational opportunities.

We will be making the post-16 study resources available via the Google Site below:

<https://sites.google.com/gillotts.org.uk/year-11-12-transition/home>

Year 11 Assessment Evidence

We shared details of the assessments which we were planning to use as the assessment evidence for the Year 11 grading process with you before Easter. Having completed further reviews of this evidence we have made some slight changes which have involved removing some proposed evidence from Chemistry, English Literature, RS and Spanish. This is because these assessments were not completed under the same levels of control for all students. However, we do have sufficient evidence to award the grades in these subjects and we will not be asking the students to complete any further assessments. The list of assessments which will be used as the assessment evidence for the Year 11 grading process is attached with this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this list, please contact Dr Newbold at school by Friday 14th May 2021 (enewbold@gillotts.org.uk).

Arrangements for Leavers' Day (Thursday 27th May 2021)

We are pleased to be able to invite students into school to mark the end of their time at Gillotts. However, despite restrictions easing generally, schools are operating under essentially the same guidance as has been in place since last September (with the exception of guidance of face coverings, which has varied). Although Year 11 is a single bubble, to allow them to attend all their different GCSE classes, we have not held any whole year group events during the year (with the exception of exams). This is so that if we have a confirmed case, we only need to request close contacts (those who have been within 2m) to self-isolate, not the whole year group. In planning Leavers' Day, we have had to balance being able to mark the event, without making every single student in the year a close contact should we have a confirmed case.

Students may wear a white shirt to school, along with normal school uniform skirt/trousers.

The timetable is as follows:

0845 Arrival in the Quad - a group of students will be decorating it the previous afternoon

0900 Period 1 lesson (11X Science, 11Y Maths). Students will be able to sign each others' shirts

Please note if we have a confirmed case, all students in the class would be required to self-isolate

0930 Members of the Leadership Team will collect classes to take them to the Hall

0940 Leavers' assembly

Please note we will keep a record of the seating plan so, if we have a confirmed case, only students within 2m would be required to self-isolate

1020 Departure

We are aware that students may be excited by the celebrations. Whilst we will be asking students NOT to sign shirts in the quad as they arrive, we recognise that some students may not follow these instructions. If you do not want your child to be in the Quad and so exposed to higher risk, please tell them to go straight to their period 1 lesson at 0845.

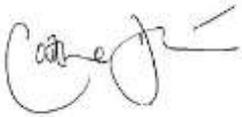
Note: Causing damage to school property or distress to school staff is no part of celebrating five years at Gillotts. Students whose behaviour is unacceptable will be sent home, and any general misbehaviour could mean events are cancelled at short notice

GCSE Results Day

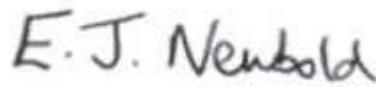
Year 11 students will receive their GCSE results on Thursday 12th August 2021. We have yet to finalise the details for this day but we will let you know as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you for the support you have given your children throughout their time at Gillotts, but especially since the start of lockdown in January. There is no doubt that this has been an incredibly stressful period for our students and we have been so impressed by the way they have conducted themselves and their resilience in coping with so much change and uncertainty. Working in partnership with parents is a key part of what we do; it has been hard not to be able to see you in person this year. If you are now coming to the end of your time with us, we wish you and your family well for the future. Do please stay in touch - it's always good to hear news of our students' successes as they move out into the wider world.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catharine Darnton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Catharine Darnton
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Newbold', written in a clear, legible cursive style.

Ed Newbold
Deputy Headteacher