

Wednesday, 26th May 2021

Dear parent/ carer

Plans for the remainder of year 11

Whilst it's been a very unusual academic year, the majority of students have worked tirelessly throughout this time and have really committed to their studies and completion of assessments for their EIGs (Evidence Informed Grades). Please see below the arrangements for the remainder of the academic year.

Last day of face-to-face lessons for year 11 students - Friday, 28th May:

Students will finish timetabled lessons on this day, around 3pm. The day will end with a short assembly and then time for the traditional year 11 shirt signing activity and photographs.

Well-being activity - Tue 22nd June (Time TBC):

Students will be invited to participate in a year group activity designed to encourage team work, social skills and promote well-being. Further details will be communicated via the Year 11 Google Classroom page.

Year 11 Leavers' Event and preparation for KS5/ post-16 - Tue 29th June, (Time TBC):

If the relaxing of national restrictions goes according to the government's plan, we will be inviting all year 11 students back on site for a celebratory event. Although we will be unable to host parents/ carers for this event, we still intend to make this special for the students - they deserve it! The event will consist of a carousel of careers activities followed by an outdoor ceremony, distribution of their Record of Achievement Folder and their '2021 Leavers' hoodies, a BBQ and some music! Again, precise details will be shared on the Year 11 Google Classroom, but students will be encouraged to dress for the occasion.

Year 11 qualifications results day - Thu 12th August (Time TBC):

On this date, results will be issued to students, for their year 11 GCSE and vocational qualifications. Students should attend at the time directed to collect their results, which will hopefully include celebrating their achievements. On this day, they will also have their final interview for our sixth form, if this is where they will return in September 2021. More details about the day will be issued via the Year 11 Google Classroom.

Further preparation for KS5/ post-16:

On Friday 28th May, Google Classrooms for students' current year 11 courses will be closed down. In place of this, students will receive an invite to join 'Preparation for KS5' Google Classrooms, where Heads of Department will be posting resources, activities and reading material to support students with their transitions to the Post 16 courses they have selected to follow in our 6th Form. The new classrooms will launch on Monday 7th June and run until the end of June. Please encourage your son/daughter to complete the work that has been set for them.



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Careers and Virtual Work Experience:

The following weeks are an ideal opportunity to explore careers and virtual work experience opportunities. Taking up a work experience opportunity around this time would be a great chance to develop some of those work-related skills that students were unable to gain had they completed work experience. COVID restrictions imposed around the time they would have been on work experience in year 10, may have left them with a deficit, so we're hoping they will seize opportunities to develop essential skills.

We continue to share opportunities and information on the Year 11 Google Classroom. Students can also register for virtual work experience with Speakers for Schools during June and the first 2 weeks of July. Attached to this letter are the [safeguarding measures](#) used by the charity and [instructions for students to register and apply](#). If your child finds an opportunity that would like to apply for, they must be available for all the dates and times it will run. In order for your child to apply, please email karen.frusciante@southfieldsacademy.com to receive the parental consent form.

Return of loaned IT equipment:

Since students' courses are now drawing to a close, we would ask that any loaned equipment is returned to the Academy. Please ensure laptops, power packs are returned in the case it was provided in and clearly labelled with your child's full name and tutor group, by Friday, 25th June 2021. Since students will be invited in for a well-being activity on Tuesday, 22nd June, this may be an ideal time to return the equipment.

It is important that we still maintain high standards of conduct on site, despite the pressure of assessments being over. Please discuss this with your son/ daughter. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support during your son/ daughter's time with us at Southfields. If they are returning to our sixth form, we look forward to supporting them with this transition and the next step of their educational career. If you have any queries about the details of this letter, please contact your child's tutor, or you can contact me directly.

Kind regards



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