

# Year 11 April 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Somehow, we're in the last term of year 11, and it doesn't seem that long since Mrs Edwards, Ms Hutchinson and Miss Miller took over the leadership of the year group at the start of year 8 – soon to be joined by Miss Graham and Mr Buckingham of course. There are still some tutors remaining from year 7, and it will be a tough wrench for them to see their tutees walk out of the door for the last time when they leave.

No one then could have expected the storms we've had to weather this year. We hope that year 11 have come out of this more resilient than they went in. They've certainly learnt some digital skills that they'll need in 'the new normal'. Let's hope for an easier year ahead.

We will be saying 'goodbye' to some this term, and to others it will be a 'see you in the sixth form'. It's been a pleasure to be a part of their lives for the past four years. Wherever they go, we wish all of year 11 the very best of luck for their future.

## Qualifications update

As you will be aware, year 11 had formal assessments under exam conditions or as part of coursework before Easter, and are now having mini-assessments in each subject throughout this half-term. Each of these is an opportunity for students to show us what they are capable of, and final grades will be based on a range of assessments in each subject.

GCSE Results day is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We are hoping that Covid restrictions will have been lifted enough by then to allow our normal procedure to take place. This would mean that results would be available to collect from 9am onwards. If this needs to change, and students have to come in at staggered intervals, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Sixth form staff will be on hand on the 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss options within our own sixth form and to enrol students for these. Carole Foster, our careers adviser, and Mr Carter, deputy head, will also be present for those who need advice about other options. You will receive further information about this in due course.

## Leaving Year 11

Lessons for year 11 will finish on Friday 28 May. Students will be in normal lessons for the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>, then they will attend a Leavers assembly during tutor time and lunch time. This will be held in tutor rooms, with their tutors via a live Teams link - and with pizza slices provided. The students will leave school straight after this assembly, at approximately 1pm.

All students will be given a sign-off sheet towards the end of this half-term. This will need to be completed by each of their teachers to confirm that they have returned any text-books or other resources, and have completed all assessments. Students will be leaving year 11 on 28 May if all subjects have been fully signed off. Otherwise, they will return after the half-term holiday, for the week of 7-11 June, to complete their missing assessments. All assessments will be finished by 11 June.

## Sixth form taster sessions

Interviews are still continuing for Caludon Castle sixth form. Some students have already changed their minds more than once about the subjects they want to do – they are able to change their minds right up to their final enrolment at the start of the new academic year.

To help with their decision-making process, and as part of supporting our year group's transition to Post 16 courses at Caludon, we will be running some taster lessons in July, near the end of term. Even familiar subjects can change in character at A level, and obviously there are quite a few subjects they've not had the opportunity to study before. More detailed information will be sent out nearer the time.

### **The 'Prom' - graduation**

The Prom is still expected to go ahead on Friday 2 July at Nailcote Hall. If the next stage of restriction-easing goes ahead as planned on 17 May, we will then start to collect money for Prom tickets.

### **Dates**

Fri 28 May	End of year 11 lessons
<b>Sat 29 May – Sun 6 June</b>	<b>Half-term holiday</b>
Mon 7 June – Fri 11 June	Catch-up assessments
Fri 2 July	Y11 Prom
July (dates to be confirmed)	Taster sessions for post-16
Thurs 12 Aug	GCSE Results day

Thank you so much for your support over your child's time at Caludon. If you have any questions, do please get in touch.

**The Year 11 Team**