



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 – The Final Term

As we approach the last few weeks in school for Year 11 students, we would like to outline some of the events and information that you will need. This letter is planned to be a summary and one that will take you from this term until 12 August 2021, GCSE Results Day. As you read the letter, it is noted in some cases, that further and more detailed information will be shared with you as we approach a particular milestone.

Since March and their return to school, we have been delighted with the way Year 11 students have conducted themselves. We recognise that this assessment period has been difficult but their sensible and committed approach has been really reassuring and at this point, a little under three weeks of assessments remain. For those students who are working hard, stay motivated and keep up the good work, the end is near. For those students who need to, in the lessons and assessments that remain, there are still several opportunities where they can demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding. Please stress to your son or daughter that it really is worth putting in the extra work to thoroughly prepare so that that they can collect their results in August knowing they have no regrets.

Teacher Assessed Grades

It is important that Year 11 students remain focused on their learning until the very last day. During the next three weeks teachers will not only be continuing with the formal assessments as detailed on the timetable, they will also continue to gather the final pieces of evidence that will be used for the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG).

In accordance with the requirements from Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), we will keep both our students and you, the parents, informed of the processes of how as a school we are generating our TAGs, when the results are published and details of any appeals procedures that are in place. We will talk to and address the students via an assembly later in the term and all of the information will be published on the school website:

<https://www.burscoughprioryacademy.org/students/examinations/gcse-grades-summer-2021>





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Last Week of this Term

For all of our students in school, the term ends on Friday 28 May for the Whitsun break. For the students in Year 11, as a full year group, this will be their final week in school and Friday (28) of this week will be the final date of compulsory attendance for everyone. Following the half term break, if a teacher identifies that there is gap in the evidence that may be needed for consideration when the Teacher Assessed Grades are formulated, individual students may be asked to attend school to complete the required assessed pieces of work. This will be done on a case by case basis – both young people and their parents will be contacted in such cases.

Here are some of the details about the last week of this term for Year 11:

- Wednesday 26 May – Final assessments
- Thursday 27 May – PSHCE and enrichment day
- Friday 28 May – Leavers' Assembly.

The end of the week is planned to be one part of a well-deserved finale for the students as they come towards the end of their time at BPA. After the experience of the last year, Thursday and Friday are planned with the intention of reflecting upon and celebrating five years at our school.

Post 16 Bridging Activities

We are currently in the process of contacting all the post 16 providers in the area so that we can let your son/daughter know of any activities they have arranged to support a smooth transition from school to college. All of these activities will take place in the final half term

Valedictory Dinner

Accompanying this letter, you will receive all of the details of the Valedictory Dinner for the Class of 2021 - this is booked for Thursday 1st July at The Bliss Hotel in Southport. All of the information about deposits, final payments and consent forms will be attached to the letter. We know that this is an important rite of passage for all of our young people but it is important to stress if you have any concerns, financial or otherwise, please contact us at school so that we can discuss the appropriate support.

Hoodies

In the letter which outlines the details of the Valedictory Dinner, there will also be information about the sale of a year group hoody.





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Year Book

The process of compiling the year book is underway, led by Mr Collins and the superb team of students. As we have already let you know and as a token from us, school has paid for a copy of the year book for every student. These will be available to collect on GCSE results day.

GCSE Results Day

For your information, GCSE results day is slightly earlier than usual this year, on Thursday 12th August. Last year had a different feel because of some of the limitations posed by Covid-19, each student had an appointment to receive their results followed by a guidance interview with a school leader. Nonetheless, it was a fantastic day and we were able to recognise the achievements of the students and in many cases, with their parents too. As we near the end of term and with a full understanding of the national picture, we will then confirm the details and arrangements for results day.

To finish, we would just like to reiterate our thanks to you for all of your support over the course of the year. In what has been a difficult twelve months and none more so than for the students themselves, their spirit, resilience and connection to the school continues to be inspiring. Of this term, there are three school weeks left - a lot of hard work remains and there are many assessments yet to be completed across the full range of subjects. When the time comes and at the end of this term, there are also lots of opportunities to enjoy the last day in school, the other activities in the final summer half term and really make some memories.

Yours faithfully,

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