



# Longdendale

H I G H S C H O O L

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that your child has settled well into their return to full time school. We are doing everything we can in school to support all learners, and are very aware that for our Year 11 learners and their families, these are very uncertain times.

I thought you may find it helpful to have an update on the curriculum situation with regards to how curriculum leaders and teachers are approaching the start of Year 11 with our returning learners, and to have an update on what we currently know about alterations to assessments for the GCSE courses, although there are some decisions from the Department for Education that schools across the country are still waiting on.

To provide you with this update, in other circumstances I would invite you into school for a presentation, however this is not possible at this point in time. Therefore the presentation will be via Teams Live Events. You will be able to type any questions you have into the Q and A function of Teams and we will respond to as many questions as we can. This presentation will be at 5pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September and the link for the presentation is [here](#). If you are not available at this time, the recording of the presentation will be available through the same link.

To further support our learners and their families, each Year 11 family will be contacted by a member of our Senior Leadership Team via telephone on the Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 5 and 7pm for a 10 minute Information and Guidance conversation (IAG). Again, usually this is a face to face meeting. If a conversation longer than 10 minutes is needed, the leader you speak to will arrange to contact you again. We do have several of these evenings for Year 11 throughout the academic year so hopefully by the time the next date arrives, we will be able to see you in school. The focus of this discussion will be on how your child coped with the remote learning before the summer, how they prepared for and found the experience of their mock exams in September, and how learners are progressing with preparing for life after Longdendale. You will also be able to ask any remaining questions you have from the Monday GCSE information presentation.

Our Positive Steps careers advisor (Steph Senior) will be available on Wednesday evening for you to contact to if you have any questions or concerns around life after Longdendale and college applications (07717 299841/[stephsenior@positive-steps.org.uk](mailto:stephsenior@positive-steps.org.uk))

I hope that you will be able to join us for the GCSE information presentation and that we manage to speak to you on the Wednesday evening. If there is anything else I can be of help with, please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards,

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