

12/05/2021

Subject: Provision for Year 11 students post summer assessments

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to share the academy's plans for Year 11 students for the period commencing Monday 17th May until we break up for the half-term break on Friday 28th May. There will be further communication regarding plans for after the half-term break.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard-work and professionalism shown by our Year 11 students throughout the assessment period. Of course, there is still much focus and concentration needed during the final phase of the assessment period and as we enter the important transition phase where we are preparing students for Key Stage 5.

As ever, we value the support provided from our families and this will be central to ensuring a successful transition phase. Our high expectations in terms of student engagement and conduct will of course remain, as will the expectation of 100% student attendance. It is important to note that during this period assessments will continue for some students in the form of catch-up / additional assessments, and there will also be coursework and practical assessments for various GCSE subjects.

Year 11 provision – key dates and overview

Monday 17th May:

- Normal school day for all students

Tuesday 18th May to Friday 28th May:

- Students will follow a normal timetable in the morning (periods 1-4). During this time subjects will deliver a variety of A Level taster sessions, consolidation from GCSE courses and exploration of new subject content.
- In the afternoons there will be a range of optional enrichment activities (this will include games, crafts, activities, Ted talks and educational documentary screenings). If you would like your son/daughter to remain on site every day until the normal school finish time, please email Mr Ball using info@isaacnewtonacademy.org. In the email, please state your child's name / form and request that your child remains in school until the normal school finish time every day for the period Tuesday 18th May to Friday 28th May. **If you do not confirm you want your son/daughter to stay until the usual finish time they will be dismissed after lunch at 13.50pm each day.** We will provide a range of super-curricular enrichment activities that students can complete online from home over this period and share these on MS Teams.

- On Wednesday 19th May and Wednesday 26th May we will be running some larger enrichment activities (theatre screening, sports tournaments and music events). A separate letter will be given to students as an invite to these events, these letters must be signed and returned to Mr Ball to provide permission for students to remain at school until the usual finish time on these specific days only.
- All GCSE drama students will be staying at school until usual finish time on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May to complete their performance assessment
- All GCSE PE students will be in school to complete PE practical assessment on Monday 24th May. The PE Department will share details of this day separately.
- GCSE art students will be required in school all day on either Wednesday 26th or Thursday 27th May. The Art Department will share details of this day separately.
- Please note, Monday 24th is a staff inset day so no Year 11s will be expected to attend school except for the GCSE PE students (see previous bullet point)

Monday 7th June to Friday 18th May:

- As noted above, there will be further communication about the period after half-term.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ball via the info@isaacnewtonacademy.org email address. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Ball
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