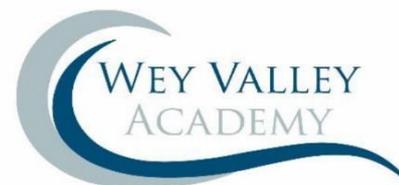


19th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 11 PCE Thursday 25 March 2021 4:00pm – 7:00pm

The year 11 Parent Conference Evening (PCE) booking system will go live at 5pm on Monday 22 March 2021. The PCE will take place on Thursday 25 March 2021 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

I have included below a brief 'question and answer' section in anticipation of points that may be raised with teachers next week. I hope this is useful; if you would like to ask any questions about the assessment plan that have been published on the school website, or about how we are awarding GCSE grades this summer, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Parent Conference Evening Q and A

- **How can I help my child prepare for the assessments in each subject?**
Please complete a revision timetable with your child and ensure they understand what they have to do to revise for the assessment. If they do not know what content they need to revise, contact the subject teacher via email or Teams in the first instance.
- **What knowledge and skills are being assessed in each subject?**
The knowledge and skills that are being assessed in each subject are contained in the assessment plans on the school website: [Click here to access](#).
- **What work or evidence is being included in the subject portfolios?**
We are only accepting work that has been produced in controlled conditions (under the supervision of a teacher) in the subject portfolios. This is to ensure fairness in the process. One exception to this is in GCSE Art: students began their coursework before lockdown in January 2021 and have been completing coursework remotely during the period of school closure.
- **My child is suffering from mental or physical health problems, or other covid-related issues. What can the school do to help?**
We are waiting for confirmation from the exam boards about the extent to which the teacher assessed grades can be adjusted to reflect adverse circumstances faced by individual students. Once we have this information, we will be able to discuss this with individual students and their families.
- **Will my child receive exam access arrangements for the year 11 assessments?**
Yes, students who are entitled to exam dispensations (have been assessed by an external assessor) will receive them.
- **When is the last day of school?**
*We have not yet had confirmation from the Government about the last day of school for year 11 students, and we are legally obligated to follow their guidance. However, our plan is for students to attend full-time until 28 May 2021. Students should be available until 18 June 2021 in case they are needed to complete additional assessment work for their portfolios in any subject. **Therefore, the last day of school for year 11 students is 28 May 2021 but they should be available until 18 June 2021.***

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Neill".

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