

May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Year 11 Arrangements after Half-Term**

We have been hugely impressed with the positivity and resilience that students in year 11 have shown whilst completing the assessment programme. The end is now in sight! I would like to share information with you about arrangements for after half-term; students will have their last day with us on 28 May 2021 (a reminder that they will finish by 12:30pm that day) but we have asked you to ensure that all students are available until 18 June 2021 to complete assessments. Details of the arrangements for completing assessments after half-term can be found below, along with resources and links that students and their families may find useful over the summer break.

### **Catch-up Sessions**

Between 07 June 2021 and 16 June 2021 we may need students to come in to school to complete missed assessments. If we require a student to come into school after half-term to complete an assessment that has been missed, we will contact you before Friday 04 June 2021.

We recognise that some students may also wish to try to improve their grades by sitting additional assessments between 07 June 2021 and 16 June 2021. Teachers cannot suggest to individual students that they should complete additional assessments because this could create a bias in favour of one student or a group of students. Students will be provided with their raw scores in assessments (though not their grades, or final Teacher Assessed Grades) and using this information, they can decide whether or not they want to complete an additional assessment in a subject.

Students will be able to book themselves into assessment slots from Thursday 27 May 2021 using [this link](#) so that teachers know which students to expect in their classes at any given time. Students should sign in at main reception wearing their school uniform and make their way to the room in which the lesson would normally be timetabled. Registration for these sessions will close on 07 June 2021. If a student decides that they would like to attend an assessment but cannot register using the linked form, please contact Main Reception ([01305 817000](tel:01305817000))

### **Further Education**

Weymouth College have provided information about summer work that students are encouraged to complete before enrolment in August 2021. The work can be accessed using [this link](#). We have asked for some additional clarification about this work and the College have confirmed that it is **not compulsory**, though students will benefit from completing it.

### **A Level Taster Days**

A number of local sixth forms and colleges will be offering A Level Taster Days this term to students before they join in September 2021. These are an excellent opportunity to meet students and staff and we encourage all students to attend. I am pleased to confirm that Wey Valley will also be offering some A Level Taster Days in some subjects. These are designed to show students what it is like to study an A Level and to prepare them for September 2021 in their new sixth form or college. Mrs Rogers will contact you with more details about these taster days.

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## Careers

Students who may have missed out on Work Experience can sign-up to virtual work experience via Springpod. Students can sign up for experience in many different industries, including:

- Finance
- Engineering
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Law
- Politics
- Veterinary Science
- Fashion

Barclays have launched a series of 'life skills' resources, which are designed to boost employability and resilience:

Lesson	Link
Virtual Interview Process	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/using-the-virtual-interview-practice-tool/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/using-the-virtual-interview-practice-tool/</a>
Growth Mindset	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/growth-mindset-toolkit/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/growth-mindset-toolkit/</a>
Financial Survival	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/financial-survival-skills/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/financial-survival-skills/</a>
Setting Goals	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/setting-goals-lesson/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/setting-goals-lesson/</a>
Recognising Skills for Success	<a href="https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/recognising-skills-for-success-in-the-workplace-lesson/">https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/lessons/recognising-skills-for-success-in-the-workplace-lesson/</a>

## Mental Health

We recognise that a number of students have struggled with anxiety and other mental health issues over the last few months. The following links are designed to safeguard young people and promote habits that support positive mental health.

- <https://stem4.org.uk/> This is an excellent site for parents and carers who may be concerned about the mental and physical health of a loved one. It provides useful information and contact links.
- <https://www.kooth.com/> Kooth is a confidential, NHS-supported service that provides personalised mental health advice for young people.
- <https://teensleephub.org.uk/> The link between good sleep routines and physical and mental health are well established. If a young person is struggling with sleep routines then this is a useful website.

If you are concerned about a safeguarding issue involving a young person you can contact Mr Lydford ([lydfordp@weyvalley-academy.co.uk](mailto:lydfordp@weyvalley-academy.co.uk)), Mrs Harmey ([harmeyv@weyvalley-academy.co.uk](mailto:harmeyv@weyvalley-academy.co.uk)), Mr Neill ([neillt@weyvalley-academy.co.uk](mailto:neillt@weyvalley-academy.co.uk)).

If you have any questions about the information above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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