

Message from the Year 11 Team



After what has been an unpredictable year so far, this term we dealt with the cancellation of GCSEs for a second year running. We started the term in lockdown with students learning remotely and returning on the 8th March. May we take this opportunity to congratulate the students who adapted and engaged with remote learning during the first part of the term. The vast majority of students have settled back into a routine well and we made it through to the Easter holidays!

A reminder to parents that we are now permitted to run after extra curricular sessions. For Year 11 we offer the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in Core subjects on the following days:

Monday — English

Wednesday — Maths

Thursday — Science

Finally, may I draw your attention to the information regarding Teacher Assessed Grades on page two of this newsletter. This information as to how grades will be awarded this year can also be found on the Year 11 section of the Academy website. Please can you reiterate the same message to students as us that **every lesson counts** and is an opportunity to evidence their knowledge and secure a worthy grade.

We wish all students and their families a restful break, ready for the final term that lies ahead.

Miss Neary and Mrs Conway

Remote Rockstars

The following students showed excellent engagement throughout lockdown with attendance to live lessons and assignment completion. **Well done to:**

Jennifer B	Yonis D	Nicole B	Gavin M
Jack B	Melissa C	Ryan S	David O
Harrison W	Maisy B	Ayesha S	Tom W
Naomi M	Lucy T	Munira A	Ellie W
Chloe O	Jack S	Freya G	Beth B
May N	Shahad S	Milly O	Lenina V
Jess R	Saniya N	Charolette S	Natazsa W
Emilia S	Alex L	Emily C	Cristian P
Kacper K	Randa M	Lewis M	Rio B
Lukrecija K	Sow S	Jess R	Frankie J

Key Dates

Year 11 finish date—To be confirmed

Year 11 Prom—Provisionally booked for Friday 2nd July. More information to be confirmed

Level 2 Qualifications results day—Thursday 12th August

Leadership

Year 11 Cabinet

Our Year 11 Cabinet have been working behind the scenes to promote student voice within the academy and promote leadership.



8 week Assessment Plans & GCSE Teach Assessed Grades

As you are aware, the government has published its decision on awarding GCSEs and Vocational qualifications. The approach for this Summer 2021 is summarised in the flyer below, which applies to GCSEs and the Vocational qualifications students study at MEA.

To support the process of arriving at Teacher Assessed Grades, we have devised an 8-week **Assessment Plan for each subject to cover the time period 22nd March - 29th May 2021**. Staff have identified the content to be taught and assessed each week for each subject and shared this with students on their class MS Teams page

Vocational Qualifications

Qualifications most similar to GCSEs and A levels
e.g. BTECs and OCR Cambridge Technicals

- Taken only in schools or colleges
- Do not assess occupational skills

Your results

- Graded by teacher or lecturer judgement
- Various sources of evidence used
- Results no later than for GCSEs and A levels

GCSE Qualifications

Working out your grade	Evidence
Graded by teacher judgement	Mocks, tests and work already done can be used as evidence
Not graded by an algorithm	Non-exam assessment should continue
School and college assessments can continue	Non-exam assessments can be used as evidence even if incomplete
You'll only be assessed on what you've been taught	Art & design grade based only on your portfolio
Your teacher will tell you what evidence is used to grade you	Teachers can use question banks provided by exam boards if they want to
Private candidates to work with a school, college or exam centre to provide evidence for them to be graded	Results will be based on completed and future work, so keep doing your best

It is important for students to be aware that Predicted Grades issued in December will not be used to decide teacher Assessed Grades as they were a reflection of students potential at that point in time, whereas Teacher Assessed grades need to be based on evidence produced by students demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of each subject.

Year 11 Mock interviews



In early March we ran mock employment interviews for Year 11 students to get their first taste of what an employment interview would be like. Lots of students put themselves out of their comfort zone and signed up to the process hopefully preparing them for the future. Well done to those who successfully took part.

Safe, Respectful, Ready

Attendance Matters

Below is an update on attendance within Year 11. Our attendance to date from September return to 31st March is 90.2% 87 students still have 100% attendance this term since the return after lockdown.

Tutor Group Attendances

Tutor Group	Attendance from 15th March to 31st
11 Armitage	97.3%
11 Bronte	85.4%
11 Duffy	92.3%
11 Eliot	94.2%
11 Heaney	88%
11 Morrison	84.5%
11 Naidu	84.5%
11 Rumi	83.7%
11 Sissay	95.4%
11 Walsh	92.6%

Well done to 11 Armitage who maintained the highest attendance in the year group since the return. Even in difficult times we encourage students to maintain attendance over 97% .

100% attenders this term

Danoosh A	Wisdom G	Steven L	James R	Harry W
Alim A	Freya G	Alex L	Luca R	Lucy W
Munira A	Jack G	Gavin M	Shahad S	Tom W
Kossai A	Natalia J	Beatriz M	Charolette S	Harrison W
Sam A	Kyle G	Randa M	Beatriz S	Natazsa W
Maisy B	Reece G	Keira M	Sow S	
Jennifer B	Abbey H	Liam M	Lucas S	
Shabilla B	Hannah H	Ethan N	Ayesha S	
Rio B	Anthony H	Courtney N	Oyin S	
Jack B	Shauna H	May N	Ryan S	
Renee B	Olivia H	Milly O	Kaiden S	
Lewis C	Garvit J	David O	Aleah S	
Joe C	Frankie J	Debbie O	Jack S	
Mia C	Harvey J	Harley P	Emilia S	
Melissa C	Aishah K	Olivia Lou P	Kasey S	
Yonis D	Katelyn K	Leonie P	Beatriz T	
Bonscott D	Kenzie K	Cristian P	George T	
Lewis F	Oliwia K	Thomas R	Roanin T	
Alaa G	Kacper K	Sophie R	Lucy-Jo T	
Jordan G	Tegan K	Jess R	Marigold U	

NCS — National Citizen Service



In the final week of half term we have introduced students to the opportunity that NCS offer to Year 11 students.

To register initial interest go to https://wearencs.com/summer?kxconfid=uigymc7el&gclid=Cj0KCQjwmluDBhDXARIsAFITC_6itJ-ZJ4NmFkAhBkLfO3IupFaoKkRhNs-_pSIACA1ms1G5YHXd-wYaAoAqEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

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