

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers

**RE: Year 11 End of T1 Letter**

It is hard to believe that we have been back for seven weeks, following our new way of working at Oak. Students have adapted extremely well to changes and challenges and have engaged fully back into Academy life.

We know Year 11 can be daunting under normal circumstances. Despite the additional pressures and insecurities around the year ahead, the majority of students really have risen to the challenge and are showing a real determination to succeed and move onto destinations of choice. As expected, for some, settling back into routine has proved challenging, however we are confident that all students are now moving in the right direction. We thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Hopefully by now you have managed to watch the video released in September regarding the year ahead. If not, do please take a look, following the link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7A-4b0RuCO4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7A-4b0RuCO4&feature=emb_title)

As we move into Term 2, I felt it only right that I update you on some dates and changes to the year ahead, as we continue to work under our COVID-19 risk assessment.

**Student Reports and Parents Evenings**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November students will be handed their T1 Progress Reports. These will also be emailed out to you. Reports will include a student's current working grade, predicted end of year grade and target grade for each subject. This information will prove helpful when making applications to intended Post-16 destinations. I am sure that you are keen to discuss your child's progress with their classroom teachers and we are looking forward to meeting you virtually on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please do continue to make appointments using the link below and contact me if you have any concerns in using the system.

<https://oakacademyAAT.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Pre-public Examinations**

I have included with this letter your child's timetable for our upcoming PPE exam series. This is a smaller set of exams than we would normally have at this time, but I feel it will give students their first experience of working in exam conditions without adding too much undue pressure at this time of year. Later in the Academic year, currently planned to start WB 22<sup>nd</sup> February We will have a fuller set of Pre-Public Exams once students have had an opportunity to complete their courses and have begun to fill gaps in knowledge they may currently have.

**Revision Afternoon**

For the last three years we have run a successful revision evening for students and their parents in the lead up to pre-public exams. With current restrictions in place we are sadly unable to welcome you on site this year. With this in mind, we have decided to run this using different format this year.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November we plan to collapse the timetable for the afternoon. From 11.30 -12.30 students will be able to access an hour of core PE if they wish. At 12.30 we will have pizza delivered to the Academy and take some time to celebrate the successes of Term 1. From 1pm to 2.30pm we will run a series of revision workshops. We are aware this runs 30 minutes beyond our Academy day but feel this will be of real benefit to all students.

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## Intervention

Following the half term break a full intervention programme will begin after school. Core subjects will run on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Option subjects will fit around the core subjects, across the rest of the week.

Tutor intervention continues following the break. We will be meeting in the second week back to review the groups and decide if additional support is needed.

Some students have already been given an opportunity to engage with an online tutor for additional maths intervention. Throughout the rest of the year we will be looking at offering further support to students using MyTutor and the National Tutoring Programme.

## Academic Coaching

All students have now been assigned an academic coach for the year ahead and had their first meeting. There are 8 further opportunities throughout the year to meet with their coach, discuss successes and barriers to learning and ensure support is in place where required.

## Final GCSE Exams

You may well have seen in the news that there is now an intention to push the start of the GCSE exams back by three weeks, with the exception of English and Maths. Students will now sit one English and one Maths exam before the May half term break. The main series will then start Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Provisional timetables are suggesting that the series will then be finished by the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. We will of course send out a timetable as soon as we have it.

## Careers

Students continue to have their one to one careers appointment with Mrs Speed and there is a real buzz around students talking about where they want to go next year. If you or your child have any concerns regarding Post-16 destinations, please do contact Mrs Speed: [kspeed@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:kspeed@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk).

Finally, please can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for your support in getting your child back into school and working with us to support them going forwards. We are really excited about the year ahead and what our Cohort 2021 can achieve.

Please do encourage your child to take a well-earned break over the half term, so they are ready and refreshed when we return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,



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