

14th May 2021

**Parents and Carers
of TQEA Students**

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

I write to inform you of the plans for year 11 during the next few weeks and during the standardisation and moderation of Teacher Assessed Grades.

This week Year 11 are finishing their assessments with some students required to do “mop up” papers to ensure that they have a suite of assessments for the awarding of GCSE and BTEC grades. To meet JCQ guidelines we have to ensure that Year 11 students have robust evidence of their performance to award their grades.

Therefore, Year 11 students will need to be in the academy each day until Friday May 28th to be present in case they need to add to or verify their assessment portfolio as well as sign legal declarations pertaining to the completion of their work.

Friday May 28th

By Friday May 28th all moderation, standardisation and declaration processes will be completed and Year 11 will have their final day in the academy as a whole year group. On that day we are planning to host a normal teaching day Period 1 – 4 before we have a celebration leavers’ assembly Period 5. We recognise that this year group has been a fantastically supportive year group to us at TQEA and have endured adversity and challenge with the lockdowns affecting their attendance in the academy. Therefore, at the end of the academy day our charitable trustees are happily funding a farewell event for Year 11. This event will be celebratory with students participating in fun activities with food provided. We are inviting staff to share in the event and to informally have a chance to celebrate with the students they have taught and supported for the past five years. Please note that this event will start at 3:15 pm and will finish around 6pm. *On this day students will not be expected to wear school uniform, but are asked to wear smart/casual clothes in preparation for the end of day event. However, we ask that they bring £2 which will be donated to a year group charity of their choosing.*

Please note that whilst this is the last day of all Year 11 students being in the academy together this does not denote their final leaving date. All Year 11 students will be expected back in the academy after May half-term for allocated educational and life skills sessions.

Monday June 7th to Friday June 18th

The DfE are transparent that Year 11 students will need to be called to attend the academy on certain days between these dates and are legally obligated to attend. However, students will not be expected to attend every day. Year 11 students, however, will be returning to the academy to:

- Complete additional work to provide evidence for the final awarding of Teacher Assessed Grades.

- Participate in work to replace lost learning from the cessation of courses early due to the requirement to have assessment windows this term.
- Participate in A level bridging work in the academy (the jump from GCSE to A level is considerable in skill and difficulty and these programmes will help bridge the gap).
- To opt for life skills sessions such as CV writing, interview practice, financial, loan and mortgage education and other skill sessions requested by Year 11.

Year 11 students have been surveyed on the sessions they want to complete in the academy and will opt for these on Wednesday May 26th. A personal programme will be created which will detail the days and times that Year 11 are obligated to attend the academy.

Year 11 will also be directed to undertake on line activities remotely from home during this period.

Results Day

GCSE results day is on August 12th 2021 and students will be able to collect their results from 9am at the academy. If local conditions or restrictions are in place and this prevents a face to face collection, we will inform parents and students about remote collection.

Finally, our Year 11 cohort have been an absolutely tremendous year group. They are a credit to you and to us. The way in which they have conducted themselves and supported their teachers over the course of the past years has been impressive and remarkable. All of us at TQEA are sad to see them leave us, but will savour the memories we shared with them and wish them well for the next stage of their lives.

Thank you, dear parents, for your unwavering support over the years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Harding', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Neil Harding
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The Queen Elizabeth Academy