

May 2021

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Following the cancellation of all GCSE, AS and A-Level exams I would like to provide an update regarding the awarding of final grades and our processes during the final few weeks of lessons and assessment for Year 11 pupils.

As previously communicated pupils shall continue working within normal timetabled lessons up to and including Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Following this point, pupils shall commence study leave and should only attend school to complete assessments. A full timetable for these is issued alongside this letter and you shall see that assessment shall run from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. Pupils shall not be expected to attend school following this date unless attending sixth form induction weeks, further details of which shall be shared in due course.

During assessments, pupils shall not be expected to attend school in uniform. For morning assessments, pupils must arrive at school at 9am and go straight to their exam base. For afternoon assessments, pupils should arrive at 1.30pm and go to their assessment base.

From discussions with pupils and families I am aware that some pupils may wish to stay in school between morning and afternoon assessments. Pupils may go home between assessments. If a pupil wishes to remain in school between assessments they can study in designated silent study rooms. Pupils will not be permitted to wander around school unsupervised to support school's COVID-19 safety measures and must adhere to existing break and lunchtimes.

From Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May onwards there will be tailored academic work and resources available for all Year 11 pupils, not just those staying at Forge Valley for 6<sup>th</sup> form study. These shall be accessible through the school website until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June and I hope will provide continued academic support for pupils preparing for post-16 study. Further details of how to access this shall be shared closer to the time.

It is important at this stage to remind you of the process of some of the regulations the Department of Education, Ofqual and exam boards have put in place to ensure the integrity of awarding grades. Schools are the awarding bodies of examinations and must work within a rigorous and confidential framework; teachers are unable to share their processes or the submitted grades. Please do not contact individual teachers directly about the assessments. Any queries should come via email to [exams@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:exams@forgevalley.sheffield.sch.uk)

I would also like to remind families and pupils that GCSE results day is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Details of how the day shall run will be shared closer to the event.

We will continue to communicate any updates through our normal channels including the school website and MCAS. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We hope you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours faithfully,



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