

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 21st May 2021

RE: Year 13 Plans

We are very proud of our Year 13 students for the way they have continued to focus and do their best in the very challenging circumstances that we have faced as a nation. As we approach Half Term, I would like to share our plans with you for the coming weeks.

This year, the school will submit Teacher Assessed Grades to inform the A Levels results that students are awarded in Summer 2021. The national deadline for the submission of Teacher Assessed Grades is 18th June 2021. Students and staff have been working hard on the collection of the necessary evidence base to support Teacher Assessed Grades. An evidence portfolio is necessary for all students for each A Level subject that they will be awarded. Exam boards will select portfolios to sample from schools across the country to ensure that the process for awarding A Levels is fair and robust. This helps ensure that all candidates have been treated equitably and that the national system has integrity.

Teachers have been working through each evidence portfolio for all of our A Level students. Our timetable for the standardisation and moderation of assessments and the joint checking of each evidence base was originally planned for completion by Half Term. The process of moderating our evidence base determines whether students will be required in school for further evidence collection or not. I am pleased to note that the process was actually completed for the Sixth Form yesterday so we are now in a position to let students and parents/carers know whether their evidence base is sufficient to allow individuals to no longer attend school.

The collection and moderation of evidence is a laborious task but one that it is so vital to get right. As the deadline for the submission of Teacher Assessed Grades is 18th June, students may be asked to attend school for further evidence collection at any point up until that national deadline. That said, we are not envisaging that the whole cohort of Year 13 would be needed, this will simply apply to a small number of students.

At St Edward's, the vast majority of students have now completed and have submitted the evidence that they need to inform the Teacher Assessed Grades. Next week, beginning Monday 24th May, will be an intervention week where some individual students will be asked to attend school to complete any final pieces of evidence which they are yet to submit. This will be organised with teachers and students will be informed what is expected and when to attend. In addition to this, the following classes will run and all students should attend all the lessons for these subjects:

Monday 24 th May	Maths	English Literature	EPQ presentation
Tuesday 25 th May	Biology	Physics	Drama
Wednesday 26 th May	Maths	Physics	
Thursday 27 th May	Maths	Physics	

Students will not be expected to attend school next week unless they have a lesson. That said, we would also be very happy for any student to arrange to come in for further advice and guidance in the coming weeks if they choose. If Year 13 students wish to attend school for advice/guidance, they should arrange this with the Sixth Form Administrator, Mrs Ager.

A Level results will be released on Tuesday 10th August 2021. We will communicate information about results day after we have been made aware by the Prime Minister of the continuing timeframe for the lifting of Covid restrictions. This week, all Year 13 students received paperwork regarding all processes and procedures for the awarding of A Levels. To prepare for the end of their time at St Edward's Academy, your child has also received a Clearance form to ensure that all school text books and resources have been returned. If your child has not completed the return of their school text books and resources, they should attend school on Monday 24th May to return these items. If your child needs to return items but does not have any lessons scheduled on Monday, they should attend between 9:45 and 10:45am and visit the Sixth Form office. Thank you for your support with this.

Before the end of the academic year, we are hoping to facilitate a two-week bespoke National Citizenship Scheme (NCS) programme for Year 13 students. The programme will help students in preparing for life at university and beyond and falls in line with the announcement from the DfE that support schools in keeping students engaged during term time. This will be an excellent opportunity for Year 13 students who will be given the chance to participate should they wish to do so. We will communicate further on this opportunity once funding has been released.

Thank you for your ongoing support for both your child and for the school and staff as we work to ensure that our Teacher Assessed Grades are fair and fully representative of each student's work. We would advise that students would be best placed to be available to attend school until 18th June in the event that further evidence is required to support judgements.

We know that our Year 13 students have exciting plans for the future and we are all looking forward to enjoying a summer with hopefully more freedoms and opportunities than we have had over the past year. We are looking forward to seeing Year 13 students again for our planned events. We are also planning a date for Year 13 students to return to school to have the opportunity to say goodbye to their teachers, friends and the rest of the Sixth Form. Details of this event will be shared at a later date. The event will be planned for after the submission of the Teacher Assessed Grades.

With my very best wishes.



Jodie Hassan
Headteacher