



Bluecoat Aspley
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Year 11 Parents' Event 3rd-12th February

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Year 11 mock exams that took place in December and at the start of January, we are keen to make contact with all parents and carers of students in Year 11 to allow discussion of these results and how your child can best be supported moving forwards. You will find attached to this a letter a detailed report of your child's current academic performance. This information may also viewed online through the Go4Schools website and the Go4Schools mobile app.

The upcoming Parents' Event will be held between 3rd-12th February 2021. The Parents' Event will be run very differently this year; due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to invite you into school as we normally would. In order to support the whole school community, we will be hosting this event virtually, through telephone calls and website information. During the event we would like to invite you to watch a video on the government's proposals for the summer 2021 grading to help explain our approach to this, the details of what we currently know and how we can continue to support your child. You can view the video on our website.

Rather than follow a traditional Parents' Evening format, we have instead allocated phone calls to a range of staff who will be in contact with you over the duration of the Parents' Event. These staff may not necessarily be subject staff, but a member of the Senior Team, Behaviour Support or from Learning Support. You may receive only one phone call discussing a range of subjects or a series of phone calls from subject teachers where we have identified that your child will benefit from further conversation. These phone calls would be made within the above dates, from 3pm to 5pm. If these times would not be suitable, please do let us know or if you do not receive a phone call and would like feedback on your child's current performance please contact us at the school office on office@bluecoataspley.co.uk or by telephone [0115 929 7445](tel:01159297445), where we can direct your call to the appropriate members of staff. If you would like to comment on your child's report please feel free to email a response to us. If there are any particular issues around timings please also let us know by contacting the main school office on the email or phone number provided.

The government consultations on exam replacement for 2021 was launched in January and is now closed. We do not expect to hear any further information on this until the end of February at the earliest. Therefore, teachers are not in a position to offer any further guidance on what will replace examinations, therefore the Parent's Event and phone calls that you receive will be based solely around; mock/Term 1 feedback, engagement with online learning this half term, what the student needs to do to improve; such as skills, content, concepts, understanding to work on and units to complete. Pupils still need to continue to complete their courses and complete further assessments before grades can be recommended to the exam boards. Until we receive further instruction from the Department for Education we will continue to teach and assess exam content. This will put our pupils in the best possible position, whatever arrangements are made for the awarding of grades. We must continue to focus on the knowledge and skills needed to equip student to progress to the next stage, whatever form that might take – whether to sixth form, college, an apprenticeship, university or employment.

Thank you for your continued support during these unusual times. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Kind regards and stay safe,

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