

21st April 2020

RE: Year 11

Dear Parent / Carer

Now that we have some clarity from the government about how Year 11 students will have their grades calculated, we want to turn our attention to supporting those students who are progressing into post 16 studies at The Cottesloe School.

It is likely that students who enter our Sixth Form in September 2020 will not have been formally educated for up to 6 months, had little or no induction period and may have missed important work in Year 11 that would support their transition into the Sixth Form. These are all important aspects of ensuring our students are successful in taking the next steps in education, training or employment.

To reduce the impact of these, from Monday 27th April 2020, we will be setting our prospective Year 12 students 'Passport' work to support their transition into the Sixth Form. This work must be completed if students are to progress into the Sixth Form and any non-engagement may jeopardise their future success. This work will not contribute to any GCSE grade calculations. Staff will no longer be setting Year 11 tasks, but students should continue to revise and review their Year 11 work independently. This will be particularly important in case they do not get awarded the calculated assessed grade they feel reflects their ability in August and they take up the option to sit an exam in the Autumn Term of 2020. If a student is applying to an external provider for post 16 they should contact them to seek advice on how they can be supported during the transition.

We will be creating Google Classrooms for each subject where work will be posted each week. Students will be invited to enter each Google Classroom for each of their option choices. Students will be expected to set aside time each week to complete between 1 to 3 hours of work on each subject they have opted for in the Sixth Form. This must be submitted by Friday each week.

We appreciate that this has been a challenging time for Year 11, but now is the time to look forward and I would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to engage with the work set in order to support them in their next steps.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sixth Form team who will be able to support you.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Jones
Headteacher

