

12 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Year 11 Students

Thank you for your continued support. I do appreciate these are unprecedented times and I recognise your son/daughter is directly impacted by Covid-19.

Since half term the school has been focused on ensuring that we are ready for welcome back a number of Year 10 and Year 12 Students from 15 June 2020. This has taken time but now that this is ready, I am keen to return our focus to Year 11 students.

Prior to the school closing in March your child should have secured their next steps in education from September 2020. As a school we had a significant number of Year 11s who have opted to return to 6th Form and the School has written to these parent/carers.

I would like to outline below the steps we will be taking to help Year 11 students with the transition to post-16 education:

- The School have set up Google Classrooms for all post-16 subjects we are offering. We will now be following up to make sure that students who would like to study a particular course are enrolled on the classroom and are completing the work set.
- We will be creating a new 6th Form Transition section on our website where we will be adding further course materials including specifications, reading lists and learning checklists.
- We also want to ensure that students develop the skills required to be successful in their post-16 studies and in the world of work. As part of Google Classrooms we will be delivering sessions which will be relevant for all Year 11 students, irrespective of whether they intend to return to Welling School 6th Form.
- Staff will set summer tasks which will be uploaded onto the website. These will need to be completed before September.

Ms Major, Deputy Headteacher, will be leading on Year 11 Transition and will be writing to parent/carers with further details as to how we intend to support your child in both their academic studies and their wellbeing.

If your son/daughter would now like to return to Welling School 6th Form they should contact Ms Humphrey, Head of 6th Form (vicky.humphrey@wellingschool-tkat.org). If your son/daughter requires some further support regarding different post-16 options, they should contact Ms Cameron, Head of Careers (pam.cameron@wellingschool-tkat.org).

I would also like to update you on progress on the 'exceptional arrangements for awarding qualifications' system outlined by Ofqual that applies to all students in Years 11 and to remind you of some key guidance and direction that our school and staff must adhere to. All decisions and guidance from Ofqual can be found by following the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/exceptional-arrangements-for-awarding-qualifications-this-summer>.

Ofqual has provided us with the process for our school to award the grades we believe each student would achieve in each of their subjects. We have been asked to send this to exam boards as a grade, and a rank order for each subject which means ordering students for each subject from highest to lowest expected grade outcome.

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Teachers, subject leaders and senior leaders have been using a variety of information suggested by Ofqual to decide on the grades to send to Ofqual and these have been signed off by me as Headteacher. I believe that our procedures have been robust and fair in this respect.

Ofqual and exam boards will now use the information we have sent and compare it to all other schools across the country. They will make decisions about the final grades that will be awarded to your child for each subject.

Please note that the final grades awarded by exam boards and Ofqual may not be the same as the grades we have submitted, and we have no control over this.

Please also note that we are unable to inform you of the grades we submitted as this would be deemed as potential malpractice by Ofqual.

I hope the information above helps to clarify the process that is being undertaken at school and national level to award grades this year.

We are currently considering how Year 11 students will receive their exam outcomes on Thursday 20 August. We would love to welcome students like we usually do but I do need to inform you that this may not be possible this year. This is because we need to follow Government guidance, especially with regards to social distancing and gatherings.

Before the end of this term I will be writing to all parent/carers to inform you and your child how we will enable your child to receive their results. If you require any further information or support, please contact the school on enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pett', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Pett
Headteacher