

21st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

With Year 11's exams approaching and the end of their time at Axe Valley Academy in sight, I have put together information for the next few weeks. I cannot believe they are so close to leaving and embarking on their post-16 journey. They have been an incredible year group and I shall miss them!

Centre-Assessed Grades for Key Stage 4 Qualifications this Summer

We would like to remind you that the mock examination series will run from 4th-14th May 2021.

We feel it is important to reinforce that although the mock examination series finishes by 14th May all students must continue to attend their lessons up until their leaving date of 28th May. This is because evidence will be considered by teachers, regarding your child's performance, up until their last day. It is important to remember that they will be continuing important coursework throughout this entire period of time. Ofqual have instructed schools not to share their Centre Assessed Grades with students and families. These will be provided on results day on the morning of 12th August 2021. Timings and more specific details about leavers' day will follow in the coming weeks.

Please also be aware that if your child does a subject that has a coursework element they may be expected to attend to complete aspects of this after the leaving date above and we will correspond directly with you if this affects your child.

Leavers Arrangements

Due to the ease in lockdown measures, we are pleased to be able to offer leavers' events for the year group. This includes a leavers' day and a prom, details of which are below. Please be aware, however, that this is a privilege and not a right. If your child is consistently disruptive or continually flouts the school rules, they will receive strikes which could threaten their eligibility to attend these events. Dangerous behaviour could result in an automatic ban. Please see below information regarding Year 11 uniform, Leavers' Day and Prom.

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Uniform

Polo shirts can be worn by Year 11 students only from now onwards. This will need to be in line with the rest of the uniform: black school shoes, black trousers, the school skirt and either a blazer or leavers' hoodie. On days students have PE, they need to wear full Axe Valley PE kit to school.

If, after leavers' day, you and your child would like to donate any uniform or PE kit back to school we would be very grateful!

Leavers Day Activities

On Friday 28th May, Year 11 will have their leavers' day. On this day, they will be allowed to come in smart-casual non-uniform. The plan for the day is:

- 08:50 Register and in tutor rooms. There will be time and opportunities for photos and shirt signing and mingling as a year group.
- 09:50 Final leavers' assembly.
- 10:50 School field for shirt signing, rounders, garden game and barbeque. From 12:30pm, students can leave site to walk home or be collected from the bus park by parents. We ask all students to leave site by 1:15pm.

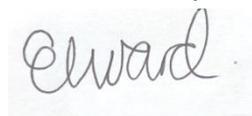
Prom

Prom will take place on Thursday 8th July at Hornsbury Mill on the outskirts of Chard. Arrival will be from 7pm ready for a 7.30pm start. Students need to be collected from the venue by 11pm. I am still awaiting confirmation from Hornsbury Mill of a price and will communicate this with you as soon as I can.

Please do contact me via e-mail if you have any queries or concerns

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Yours sincerely



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CAG for KS4 Qualification Reminder

As you'll know, external examinations are cancelled for all GCSEs and other qualifications this summer. Students will still receive a grade for each subject they study, however. This section aims to explain the system for awarding grades to be followed at Axe Valley. This will apply for all Year 11 students for all their qualifications.

- The school will determine the grades for all Year 11 courses this year.
- We will use evidence of your child's performance throughout their courses. If, due to school closures, they didn't finish learning the subject content (the specification), they won't be judged on content they didn't cover.
- We will consider your child's performance on all learning in school and remote learning.
- We have had one set of mock exams; there will be another set of mock exams starting on May 4th. These will be formal assessments in the hall, like their last set of mocks exams.
- Although we will consider performance in lessons, on remote learning tasks and homework, mock exams will provide us with very strong data to make fair and accurate judgements of your child's grades. As a result, the forthcoming mock exams are an important time for students as they will have a strong influence on their final grade. As noted above, they won't be tested or judged on material they haven't covered but will be tested on anything they've learned in each subject since the start of Year 9, when their Key Stage 4 courses began.
- Speaking endorsements in English Language, French and German go ahead as already planned.
- Subjects that use non-exam assessment (coursework) will judge student grades based on their coursework, or portfolios in Art and Photography. Where coursework hasn't been completed due to no fault of the student, they will be graded based on what they have done.
- Our deadline for submitting grades to your child's exam boards is June 18th; the work they do up to that date can influence the grade we assign.
- Results day will be 12th August

We feel it is important to reinforce that although the mock examination series finishes by 14th May all students must continue to attend their lessons up until their leaving date of 28th May [or 4th June]. This is because evidence will be considered by teachers, regarding your child's performance, up until their last day. Please also be aware that if your child does a subject that has a coursework element they may be expected to attend to complete aspects of this after the leaving date above and we will correspond directly with you if this affects your child.