

5 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Programme – May/June 2021

I am writing to provide families with further information regarding the school's programme for Year 11 students over the remaining weeks of their term.

You will be aware from Mr Wharton's correspondence that our focus in school remains on ensuring that our Year 11 students have every opportunity to demonstrate their learning in order to achieve the best GCSE (and other qualification) results of which they are capable. This is, of course, in the context of an extraordinary assessment year in which formal examinations have been cancelled and replaced with a complex system of 'Teacher Assessed Grades'. I commend our Year 11 students who, despite the challenges of the last year, continue to work hard and engage with their teachers' feedback in order to make good progress.

The school will continue to update families with information pertinent to the awarding of this year's GCSE grades, and I would take this opportunity to draw your attention to the 'Examinations' section of our website: <https://springfield.uk.net/index.php/learning/examinations>. Information regarding the GCSE can also be found on Ofqual's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>.

At the culmination of this period of ongoing learning and assessment, the school will be arranging a 'Springfield Sixth Form Week' for our students during the week beginning 14 June. During this week our intention is to offer students an engaging programme that develops their understanding of higher education, careers opportunities and life skills. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for different sessions ranging from 'An Introduction to Criminology' to 'Dissections in Science' when the timetable is finalised shortly.

Friday, 18 June is the last day for our Year 11 students at school. However, during the week beginning 21 June, we have linked up with the Education Business Partnership to provide an opportunity for all Year 11 students to have a virtual work experience, delivered via an App. Students will be able to choose their placement, learn about the industry in which they are interested, be part of live employer sessions, take part in online projects and boost their CVs. Mr Lomas will be providing further information for Year 11 students in due course and we hope that as many of them as possible will choose to take part in and benefit from this additional provision commissioned by the school.

Families will recall my letter of 14 October in which I advised that the school would not be booking a formal Prom this year, but that the school would look for an informal way to celebrate our students' time in school during the summer term. The Governing Body has reviewed this recently and Mr Cufley and I can confirm that the school will be organising an extended and informal leavers' assembly/event on the afternoon of 18 June during which staff and students can celebrate informally the students' last day in school. We are hoping that the weather will be kind such that we can be outside and provide some food, music and other entertainment for the students to enjoy.

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Key Dates

Present date to 11 June	Continuous learning and assessment
14 – 18 June	'Springfield Sixth Form Week'
18 June	Ofqual deadline for the submission of GCSE grades
18 June (afternoon)	Leavers' assembly/event (last day of school for Year 11)
21 - 25 June	Virtual Work Experience
12 August	GCSE grades published

The school will continue to update you with further information as it becomes available. In the meantime, we hope that our Year 11 students continue to enjoy school and wish them every success in their GCSEs and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Ms S F Spivey
CEO, Headteacher

Mr A Cufley
Chair of Governors