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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID Update: Face Coverings

As you will undoubtedly be aware, Monday 17th May marks the next phase of the government's loosening of lockdown restrictions in England. Although national guidance states face coverings will no longer be recommended for students and staff in classrooms and communal areas, as an Academy with the support of the trust, we have decided **face coverings will remain compulsory for the next two weeks** (as per previous policy) **until half term**. This decision has been taken following consultation with staff and students, who agree that given the outbreak we experienced over the Bank Holiday weekend and the recent rise in the R rate in Doncaster, this is the most sensible and safest option. Thank you in anticipation for working with us to ensure your child understands and adheres to our expectations.

Year 11 Leaving Date

We are making good progress with Year 11 Teacher Assessed Grades. The majority of learners are working hard with staff to ensure all timelines are adhered to. I can now confirm that the last official day in school for Year 11 learners will be Friday 28th May. After half term, we will be organising some voluntary 'bridger' sessions that will help prepare learners for the next stage of their education. For example, for students studying A Levels, they will have the opportunity to experience some sample sessions taught by subject specialists in school. We will also be organising a 'goodbye' event at school to ensure Year 11 receive the send-off they deserve. More information will be communicated to Year 11 parent/carers after half term.

Year 10 Next Steps

To help Year 10 students broaden their understanding of Post-16 options, now educational visits can reconvene, we have organised for the full cohort to spend a day at New College. Students will be given the opportunity to sample taster sessions in subjects of their choice. Please encourage your child to complete the questionnaire posted on the Year 10 team.

We will also be reviewing Year 10 option choices after half term. Parents will be invited to attend 1:1 meetings with your child and a member of the leadership team. This will be to discuss current progress and agree upon a bespoke timetable for next year. A form will be distributed early next week to allow Year 10 parents to book mutually convenient appointment slots.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Claire Robbins
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs Claire Robbins

Inside everyone there is a rainbow waiting to shine.

Ambition

Pride

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

