



## Joseph Leckie Academy

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students,

### **Re. Year 11 Switch to online, remote learning from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

I am writing to update you with some further important information regarding Year 11 which will take effect from today. As you will know, Year 11 have now completed the vast majority of the assessments that we will be using to inform their Teacher Assessed Grade this summer. Most students have just one or two remaining assessments to be completed next week.

With this in mind, from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Year 11 students will no longer be required to attend their normal, timetabled lessons in school. Learning for the majority of students in Year 11 will switch to being remote and they will only come into school next week to sit these remaining assessments and any complete any remaining coursework. Subject teachers may contact your child individually if there are any missing assessments that they need to complete. Students may then be requested to attend a lesson in school. Students must also check their school email on a regular basis for important messages relating to their assessments and coursework. All students have been given their own personalised assessment timetable for the coming week so should know exactly when they are required to be in school. Additional reminders will be sent out throughout the week as well.

For the next two school weeks (week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May and week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June), Year 11 students will be expected to follow a remote, on-line curriculum, by logging on to SharePoint or MS Teams every day (as they did when they were previously working remotely). There will be a mixture of live or pre-recorded lessons and resources for all Year 11 students to access as they work independently. In these lessons, teachers will be covering some of the topics that we were not able to fully cover due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Vulnerable students and children of Key Workers may still attend school, as they did during the lockdown periods. If you would like your child to attend school to work under the supervision of teaching and support staff, please complete the online proforma that can be found on our school website.

When students do come into school next week, they must be dressed in full school uniform and should sign in through the main Reception unless otherwise stated. They should arrive at least 15 minutes before the exam is due to begin. They will be required to sign out of school once their exam is finished and return home to continue their learning online.

As stated in my letter of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, during the weeks commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, there will be a carefully planned and personalised programme of activities for students in both year groups with a combination of in-school and home-based activities. This will include A Level and BTEC induction lessons with follow-up work, completion of online university-style learning modules and a menu of health, wellbeing and careers-related workshops that students can choose from. More details of this programme will follow shortly.

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As part of these wellbeing workshops, we will incorporate a Covid-secure End of Year 11 Celebration where we can recognise the achievements of our Year 11 students and re-live some of the key successes and milestones from their 5 years with us at Joseph Leckie Academy. In addition to this, we are planning on holding a more formal, Celebration of Achievement Evening later in the year where certificates and awards will be presented. We are very much hoping that this will be in person.

Up until the Year 11 official leaving date of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we will continue with our usual regular wellbeing checks on all Year 11 students.

A summary of the timetable for the next 4 school weeks is found below:

Date	Activity
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Remote teaching and learning, students work from home and come into school for remaining assessments/coursework only ( <i>except Key Worker and Vulnerable Students who may be in school every day</i> ).
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term School Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Remote teaching and learning - students work from home completing work set by teachers based on their Year 11 subjects.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Students will be coming into school at set times to complete 6 <sup>th</sup> Form taster lessons and wellbeing/careers workshops. A personalised timetable will be in place, setting out when students should be in school.

I would like to praise Year 11 for their positive conduct and attitude during these in-school assessments and assure them that this is not the end of their time with us. We are very keen for all Year 11 students to engage fully with our modified curriculum over the next 4 school weeks, up until the 25<sup>th</sup> June and to make the most of all the opportunities that are presented as they prepare for the next stage of their education in September. I look forward to sharing in their success on the GCSE results day which is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully

Mr J. Ludlow  
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