



## Joseph Leckie Academy

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 and 13 Students,

### **Re: End of year arrangements for Year 11 and 13 students**

I hope that you are managing to keep safe and well and that you are able to enjoy some of the increased opportunities as we emerge from the latest Covid-19 lockdown.

I am writing with an update on information regarding the next few months for our Year 11 and 13 students as they approach the end of their examination courses and look towards the next stages of their education and employment.

As you are aware, all of our students currently taking a range of in-school assessments that will count as evidence towards the final grades that are awarded to them in the summer. These assessments are going well and we are very impressed with the commitment and dedication that our students are showing. In determining the final grades for students, we are following all of the published national exam guidance as well as our own approved internal examination policy. There are robust procedures in place to ensure that the results issued are as accurate and fair as possible. I would like to reinforce how important it is that your child attends school every day over the next few weeks to secure the best possible grades.

All of these assessments will be completed by the end of this half term, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. After May half-term, we would usually offer students the opportunity to take up study leave to prepare for any remaining national examinations. Clearly, this year that is not applicable because all students will have completed their key assessments before half-term. Instead, in the weeks directly after the May half-term holiday, teachers will be undertaking moderation and review activities before final grades are submitted to the examining bodies on Friday 18th June.

We have consulted the updated guidance published by the Department for Education to understand the national expectations for school attendance for students in Year 11 and 13 during this time and this states that schools should consider the needs of students as they will be very different this year in comparison with previous cohorts. The guidance makes it clear that full-time education may not be applicable and provides schools with the flexibility to evaluate the needs of students and to plan accordingly.

With this in mind, ***we will not expect Year 11 and 13 students to attend school in the usual way from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Instead, we will be asking them to engage in a combination of online learning activities and in-school activities between Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.*** These activities will broadly focus on two main areas; preparation for their future studies (college experiences, 6<sup>th</sup> form taster lessons, university life, apprenticeships etc.) and activities to empower students to prioritise their physical and mental wellbeing, including some additional elements of our Personal Development Programme. We are working on the finer details of this programme and more details will be sent out nearer the date.

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***During the week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, all Year 11 and 13 students will be working remotely from home and will not be attending any activities in school.*** Students will be set tasks to complete and any additional support required will be available from your child's form tutor. ***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.*** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June will be the official last day of term for Year 11 and 13 students although tutors and the Head of Year will still maintain contact with students throughout this period for support, care and guidance where required.

We hope that these plans will support students so that they experience a very purposeful end of term. We know how hard many students have worked during the assessment period and we are full of admiration for the way that they have responded to the pressures of learning through the lockdown. We know how important it is to recognise this hard work for two fantastic year groups and we are making this a priority in the summer term. To this end, we will be organising a celebration event for both year groups. We will confirm further information about both events in the coming weeks and we are very keen that these days should be a real moment of celebration and enjoyment for all students.

The remaining dates to confirm are Results Days, which this year will be held on Tuesday 10th August for A Level and Level 3 BTEC students and Thursday 12th August for GCSE and Level 2 BTEC students. Further details regarding the distribution of results will be sent out to you shortly.

I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout these challenging times and wish your son or daughter all the very best with their examination results this summer. I look forward to sharing in their success with you.

Yours faithfully

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