

### Y11 Update - Thursday 19/03/20

Dear parents and guardians,

I wanted to update you today following on from the announcement made by Boris Johnson last night regarding the closure of schools, but more specifically the cancelling of Y11 exams in May and June.

Unfortunately, we as a school were given no prior warning to that message and have received no additional information regarding how our Y11 students will be assessed following the cancelling of exams. We are hoping some clarity may emerge over the coming days and rest assured that when it does you will be the first to know.

Myself and Mr Marston met the Y11 students today for an assembly to reassure them that whatever is decided at government level we cannot foresee any decision being made that would disadvantage students moving forward at the end of this academic year. We also impressed upon the Y11s that we would ensure that whatever happens we will be making sure Founders Day will run at the beginning of next academic year rather than in the Summer in order to celebrate their time at Wallingford School.

These are uncertain times but I want you to know how proud we are of how Y11 are conducting themselves and we hope that the work provided through Show My Homework will be of use to them, in particular to maintain their intellectual curiosity in the subjects they intend to continue studying next year.

I will ensure I update you as regularly as seems pertinent, but please don't hesitate to get in contact with me over email directly with any questions or queries.

Regards, Mr Keeling

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Assistant Headteacher Wallingford School

### Y11 Update – Coursework – Friday 20/03/20

Dear parent / guardian,

Please note that we are going to be keeping students coursework and portfolio work for subjects such as Art and RM in school for the foreseeable future. We do not yet know whether we will need it in some way so it seems sensible for us to store it centrally. Please do not worry if the pieces are yet to be fully completed as this will be the same situation in all schools nationally.

There will of course be a point in the future where Y11 students will be able to take this work home with them, and we will keep you updated as to when that can happen.

Regards, Mr Keeling

Assistant Headteacher Wallingford School

### Y11 Update – Wednesday 25/03/20

Dear parents and guardians,

As promised I am writing to update you on the situation regarding Y11 and specifically their results this Summer. As you probably know it was announced on Friday that Y11 results this Summer will be based on students' teacher assessed/predicted grades which will go through a form of moderation to ensure consistency. I have held off from writing to you in case schools were given further clarity about this over the weekend or at the start of this week.

Unfortunately, there has yet to be any additional guidance over the exact nature of this, and indeed when results will ultimately be announced to students. We are hoping that there will be more information being released to schools in the coming days or weeks. When there is anything - rest assured - you will be the first to know.

As I have previously stated I can't see it in any way disadvantaging students, and it will be the fairest possible process available given the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in.

In the meantime I hope that you are all safe and well. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with any further questions or queries.

Regards, Mr Keeling.

Assistant Headteacher Wallingford School

### Y11 Update – Friday 03/04/20

Dear all,

As some of you may have seen, Ofqual the organisation that oversees school examinations and awarding of qualifications has released updated guidance this afternoon on how this Summer's exam results will be awarded.

As a school we will need some time before we can provide any direct answers with regard to what that might mean specifically for your son / daughter. As soon as possible we will provide you with a full update of what this means in terms of how qualifications will be awarded this Summer. This will also be coupled with what this means in terms of Sixth Form courses students wish to pursue at Wallingford School.

I hope that you all are doing well, and I will be in touch as soon as we have had time to digest the document from Ofqual and provide you with the clarity we are all looking for around this.

Regards, Mr Keeling.

Assistant Headteacher Wallingford School

### Y11 Update - Awarding Grades – Wednesday 08/04/20

Dear parent / guardian,

As promised on Friday I am emailing you to provide clarity over how students grades will be determined this summer. As a school we have taken time to process the document released by Ofqual, the organisation that oversees school examinations and awarding of

qualifications, on 03-04-20. The details of this can be found in the attached letter from Mr Lamb the Deputy Headteacher in charge of curriculum.

As well as this we have attached three other documents. One is a letter from Ofqual to students, I would encourage you to read this with your son / daughter, it goes through the answers to some questions that I am sure lots of you will have. The second document is a summary of the entire process. This has been created by Ofqual to hopefully provide you and students with an overview of what is happening over the upcoming weeks and months. The third is the detailed Ofqual guidance for you to look through.

There are more details to come, principally when students will receive their results, and specifics on how BTEC qualifications are being awarded. We will keep you updated and informed as and when further details are released.

If there is anything in the documents from Ofqual, or in Mr Lamb's letter that is not clear then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Regards, Mr Keeling

Assistant Headteacher Wallingford School

#### Y11 – Update - Vocational Qualifications – Wednesday 15/04/20

Dear parents and guardians,

As you may have seen there has been some updated guidance by Ofqual regarding how BTEC qualifications will be awarded this summer. Currently the additional information is quite general and includes the following paragraph, which gives a rough indication of what is being considered:

We consider that, as far as possible, such qualifications should be treated in the same way as GCSEs, AS and A levels, with learners receiving a calculated result. Calculated results will draw appropriately on a range of evidence, depending on the structure of the qualification. They may be based in part on teacher, trainer or tutor judgements of what result each learner would most likely have achieved had they been able to complete their assessments in summer 2020. Any centre assessment result will be based on a range of evidence held by the school, college or training provider.

The current Ofqual guidance can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>

We are expecting a further update from Ofqual in the coming days, as soon as that has been released and we have had time to interpret the guidance we will be updating you all with the specifics of how BTEC qualifications will be awarded this summer.

As always please do not hesitate to get in touch directly should you have any additional questions or queries.

Regards, Mr Keeling

Assistant Headteacher

Y11 - Update – Friday 17/04/20

Dear parents and guardians,

As you may have seen in the news today the exam results day for Y11s has been announced for the 20th August. We will update you all with precise timings and locations for that day nearer the time.

Apologies for not letting you know sooner but we were not given any advance warning of this decision.

Regards, Mr Keeling

Assistant Headteacher