

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 - What happens next?

I wanted to start by thanking students, parents and staff for their approach to this Summer's assessment process. Students have conducted themselves remarkably, showing high levels of mental toughness through responding positively to what is a very challenging situation. Students are now completing their final assessments and it is a great time to outline exactly what happens next.

Leavers' Assembly

On Friday 28 May, students who are in lessons at the academy, will attend as normal at 9:00am. At 11:30am our Leavers Assembly will commence. This will be broadcast live on Microsoft teams so that all classes will be able to beam into the presentation and watch the celebration as groups. Students who are not timetabled into lessons that day have the choice of watching from home or alternatively, they can come into the academy to watch the leavers assembly from the Achievement Centre.

A significant part of the leavers' assembly is the annual Professional Standards Awards ceremony. The Professional Standard Awards incorporate six prestigious awards, named after the previous year's recipient. Below is a legacy table showing previous year's winners:

	2017 Winners	2018 Winners	2019 Winners	2020 Winners
Mental Toughness	Joely Knight	Olivia Fitzgerald	Sara Manson	Valentino Ighodaro
Attention to Detail	Alfie Ingram	Ella Beevers*	Megan Hindle	Rhiannon Maguire
Work Ethic	Matthew Bicknell	David Sokoya	Caitlin McMahon	Adam Khan
Integrity	Urussa Malik	Isbah Tariq	Maryam Shabaz	George Whitman
Professional Standards	Sophie Rushworth	Theo Collins	Danny Rose	Megan Clancy
Excellence	Jack Beevers	Victoria Evans	Morgan Cummings	Ashlyn Fisher

Winners of The Professional Standards Awards will also receive recognition at the Christmas Prize Giving evening, which we are hopeful will run this year as Covid-19 restrictions ease. Following the leavers' assembly, we will say goodbye to Year 13 students - in most instances, students will not need to return to face-to-face provision at the academy after the spring bank holidays. That said, it is possible that a very small group of students may be asked to attend the academy as an emergency measure due to lack of teacher assessed grade evidence. Any student in this category will be emailed directly by their class teacher and/or PPT.

Next steps beyond May Half Term:

Although on-site lessons will terminate on Friday 28 May, we intend to continue to offer support to our Year 13 students. Staff have been busy designing our Year 13 Transition support package. The idea of this package is to prepare students for their next steps in learning. The Year 13 Transition Support Package includes:

- Access to the Year 13 TSFA Padlet Resource from Monday 14 June which provides students with materials for independent study. Also included is:
 - Subject specific reading list suggestions
 - A video presentation of subject related careers
 - A set of activities targeted at further study in each subject that we offer

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Wellbeing support

If students have any concerns or queries, they should continue to reach out to their PPTs via email. We therefore encourage students to continue to check their emails and to keep up to speed with academy provision through our social media platforms (Twitter, Tik Tok and Instagram).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students on their incredible achievements during challenging times and, on behalf of the whole staff body, wish them well with their next steps. It has been a pleasure to work with them and we wish them every success for the future.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Fitzsimons
Principal