

2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carer



GCSE Year 11 Information Evening

I am sure, like us, you cannot believe your child has now entered their final year at Acle Academy. I can well imagine it only feels like yesterday that you were bringing them in for their transition day or being given a tour of the Academy if they joined at a later stage.

In previous years, it has become common practice for us to invite parents into the school, at the start of Year 11, to talk you through the structure of the students' final year. We believe it is important that you are aware of how we will support your child as they navigate towards their final GCSE exams and onto their chosen destinations.

With the new 'rule of 6' restrictions coming into force recently, we have reviewed our risk assessment surrounding events in school that involve visitors. We have decided that these types of events cannot take place as traditionally planned and instead will need to become virtual events. That being said, it remains important that you are still given this information and also an opportunity to ask questions that you may have. This is especially relevant this year following all the upheaval and changes brought out because of the impact of Covid-19.

Over the course of the next week we will be holding virtual information evening to support this process. Although the format, set out below, may feel different, I hope this will still give you all the information you need to support your child through the coming academic year.

Monday 12th October – a link to the pre-recorded presentations we have created will be sent to all parents/carers in Year 11. This will be directly accessible on the school's website. This will include videos recorded by myself on the overview of the year ahead and key events coming up. Additionally, Mrs Skarin will go through important information connected to careers and post-16 provision. Finally, Heads of Faculties will record short videos outlining important tips for revision and guidance related to their subject areas as well as informing you of any changes to these subjects for this GCSE group of pupils. I strongly encourage you to watch these videos with your child at home and to encourage them to use this as an opportunity to really ensure they have a full picture about what their GCSEs entail.

Following these videos you will be welcome to ask any questions you might have about your child's experience of Year 11 and I'd encourage you to get in touch with us if you have any queries about this. Despite the ongoing challenges we may face locally and nationally during this pandemic, we hope that this new way of working will still allow you to have access to all the information you need at this time.

We will continue to do all that we can to help our students learn, grow, and achieve. As parents, I know that you are doing the same and your continued support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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