

27th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Key Stage Four GCSE Information Evening – Tuesday 5th October 2021

'How to help your child reach their potential at GCSE'

I am sure, like us, you cannot believe your child has now entered the final stages of their education 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.

Prior to the pandemic, it was common practice for us to invite parents into the school, at the start of Year 10 and 11, to talk you through the structure of the GCSE years. 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. We would like to proceed with the return to normality by again offering you the opportunity to come into school to discuss this with us.

We would like to invite you to attend a presentation evening on **Tuesday 5th October 2021 from 6-7pm.**

The evening is designed to help give you an overview as to how you can help and guide your child at the start of this important time in their education. This evening will be beneficial and useful for both the Year 10s who are just starting their GCSEs but equally for Year 11s in relation to what their final year will bring. We will also discuss any pertinent changes to the GCSEs and outline key support we will be offering pupils to support their home learning and GCSE revision.

Senior members of staff will be on hand to give presentations and take any queries that you might have about the GCSE courses. The evening will also include an opportunity to purchase essential revision guides if you wish to buy them. These revision guides will also be available shortly to purchase through the school online SCOPAY cashless system if you cannot make the event.

We do however understand that there are continuing ongoing concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic that there might still be some understandable apprehension about coming into the school for a large event such as this.

Consequently, we will also record some of the key presentations and issue a link to these pre-recorded presentations which will be sent to all parents/carers in Year 10 and 11. 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.

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This way, we hope to give you the opportunity to choose whether you'd prefer to come into school or watch the event via the pre-recorded videos. Either way, we hope to give you as much useful information about your child's GCSEs and will answer any questions you might have.

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.

It would be great to see you at the evening if you feel comfortable doing so and I look forward to seeing you there. Come along for an update, a chat and coffee at the start of this important academic year for both Year 10 and 11.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Sayce

Director of Progress and Achievement & Teacher of History

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