



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

22nd June 2020

Dear Year 11 Students/Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are staying safe and keeping well during what continues to be a challenging and unusual time for all of us. Had we all experienced a more traditional or 'normal' academic year, this week we would be having final farewell celebrations for Year 11 and wishing you a safe and fun-filled summer because all GCSE examinations would now be complete! Instead I write in order to provide you with further updates and information regarding the Centre Assessment Grading process, Results Day, and ways in which we will continue to communicate with you and offer further support and guidance moving forward.

Centre Assessment Grades

As you know, in April following the cancellation of GCSE examinations, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) announced that every school across the country would embark on a process of awarding 'Centre Assessed Grades' for Year 11 students (as well as those studying at AS and A level), in light of the COVID 19 pandemic.

I can inform you that the initial stage of this process is now complete at Bristol Met. In essence, 'Centered Assessed Grades', derived from a range of data, assessment evidence and professional judgement, have been submitted to exam boards. The next stages of this process are external, involving forms of quality assurance and national standardisation. Therefore, grades submitted by the Academy are now under review and subject to change. Bearing the context of this process in mind, it's important that I reiterate that the Academy **cannot** confirm any 'Centre Assessment Grade' to any student, parent or carer prior to the official summer release date.

GCSE Results Day

We are expecting GCSE results to be issued on **Thursday 20th August 2020**. Please be assured that qualification certificates will look the same as in any other year. However, as public health restrictions remain in place, we are currently discussing ways in which we might offer a Results Day experience to Year 11 students that continues to be somewhat personal and congratulatory via an opportunity to collect results from school at an allotted time, whilst maintaining health and safety standards. More information will follow on this nearer the date and will be in line with the guidance in place at the time.

Future communication, support and guidance for Year 11

As mentioned above, Year 11 students would have officially finished school for the summer at this point in the academic year. Although, Year 11 House Teams (i.e. Tutors, Heads of House and Assistant Heads of House), will no longer initiate or maintain regular weekly contact as of this week, it's important that you know we are still here for you to assist should you need further support and guidance from us during your transition to Post 16.

Subsequent Year 11 update information/messages will be shared via our website, letter and/or text throughout the summer. We will also continue to share useful information, messages and summer workshop/work experience opportunity details with Year 11s via your school email.





HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries in relation to any of the above (or anything else), please be proactive in contacting us through the following channels appropriately:

- info@bristolmet.net – Academy Help desk
- Natasha.williams@clf.uk – Head of Year 11 & Outcomes
- Tim.holmes@clf.uk – Careers Education Information, Advice & Guidance Lead
- Roy.owen@clf.uk – Head of Communication House
- Donna.whitcliffe-smart@clf.uk – Head of Discovery House
- Lee.hoggett@clf.uk – Head of Enterprise House
- Nicola.Hooper@clf.uk – Head of Performance House

So, in way of 'final farewell' at this point, we all miss you at MET and are deeply saddened that your 11th and final year of compulsory education was cut short in the way that it was. It's been a privilege working with you and an absolute pleasure seeing how you've all grown and blossomed during your five years at MET to become the truly awesome young people that you are, and will no doubt continue to be.

All the best and take care

N. Williams
Assistant Principal
Head of Year 11 & Outcomes