



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

31 March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Transition to Sixth Form

We are sharing this information with all parents / carers of Y11 students regardless of next stages in learning, as some of the content will most likely apply to every student in Y11 and we ask that your child reads the information below and considers their next course of action.

As you are aware, this summer GCSE grades will be calculated in a variety of different ways, as Miss Ludlam has already explained. This means there could be a difference between grades expected and grades received. In addition to this, there is a significant amount of time between now and when Sixth Form courses start where students are not able to attend school.

In order to ease potential transition to the Sixth Form and to ensure students are on the correct courses, the Sixth Form team have been working with subject leaders over the last week to provide some revision and bridging work for courses students may wish to study. This will be available over the coming weeks for individual subjects. In addition to this, several teachers are delivering or providing additional content for courses that were not completed when the school was forced to close due to COVID-19. We would strongly advise students to engage with this additional content as their future learning may rely on GCSE knowledge. If students are unsure if this is happening, they should please email their subject teacher directly.

It is our intention to work hard to try and ensure as many students as possible are able to access first choice of subjects. However, just like GCSE options, at this stage we cannot guarantee all subjects will be running and neither can we ensure chosen subjects will not clash in the option blocks. Once we have all the necessary information available, the team will be in touch and will endeavor to do their very best in the current circumstances.

We would advise students to cover all subjects in which they have any interest. Successful completion of bridging work will be a condition of acceptance onto a chosen course. At this stage, I would also advise that students ensure bridging work is completed to the very best of their ability to showcase skills.

In addition to this, for all students who feel they may not achieve at least a grade 4 in Maths and/or English, they may contact Mrs Ellin (we@waleshigh.com) for English and Mr Oldale (to@waleshigh.com) for Maths. This will allow students to maintain momentum with these subjects.

Where students have decided not to stay at Wales High School and hope to study for a qualification elsewhere they should contact the higher education provider directly as there may be some work to be completed prior to beginning their studies.

Bridging work, alongside links to the location of this work, will be published via the school website under Sixth Form, Sixth Form Induction, Summer Bridging Work. We are starting to upload this work to the school website and it should be available by the end of Wednesday 1 April.

Regular updates may also be provided via social media as well as to student's school email. Please be assured that the Sixth Form team will work hard to ensure transition to Y12 will be as smooth as possible and support will be provided at every step.

If students are still unsure about next steps in education then please contact Mrs Brown, Head of Careers, at sbr@waleshigh.com.

For any queries please feel free to contact any of the 6th form team:

Mrs Hemming ghe@waleshigh.com

Miss Cooper cco@waleshigh.com

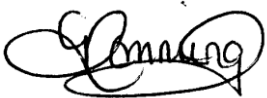
Mrs Lockyer nl@waleshigh.com

Miss Finney lfy@waleshigh.com

Mrs Edwards je@waleshigh.com

Mrs Flintoft Howe cfh@waleshigh.com

Regards



Mrs G Hemming
Deputy Headteacher