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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 11 finish at Grace Academy Solihull

As you will be aware, we will be collecting additional evidence in key academic subjects in the week beginning Monday 24 May, the timetable for which has already been given to your child. So your child can continue to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding across all subjects and perform at their best, their attendance is essential for this week. This will allow teachers to accurately determine grades based on the evidence they provide as per government guidance. For more information and guidance on how students will be assessed, the evidence that will be used, and how to raise mitigating circumstances, please refer to the letter sent earlier this month or look in the parent section of the website for "Awarding Grades 2021".

Face to face teaching for your child will finish on Thursday 27 May and the programme of remote learning, careers support, transition sessions and *Building Healthy Relationships* will begin on Friday 28 May. There is a clear expectation that students will continue their education after this date, albeit not face to face, but in a remote format. Staff at the academy have prepared learning resources for students to access which will enable them to continue their studies and prepare them for the next stage in their education.

To ensure that we can provide students with the best opportunity to demonstrate their skills, understanding and knowledge, some students will be required to attend a catch up session in school on Friday 28 May. If this is the case, pupils and parents/carers will be informed accordingly.

Year 11 blended programme of study:

Throughout this period, students should complete the timetabled remote learning via the remote learning platform on the school website, as they did during the school closure earlier this year. Students should also complete the learning reviews each day so that teachers can continue to provide support as needed. Please note that for all face to face sessions held in school, pupils will be required to wear full school uniform.

Below is an outline of learning for all Year 11 students until the end of this academic year:

Friday 28 May:

- Evidence Collection catch up; **specific** students will be invited in by their teacher for this **(on site)**

Monday 7- Thursday 10 June:

- Face to face catch up subject sessions; **specific** students will be invited in by their teacher **(on site)**
- Remote learning programme on key curriculum areas to support transition into Post 16 destinations/subjects accessed through the remote learning platform **(remote)**
- Wellbeing phone calls from your pastoral lead **(remote)**

Friday 11 June:

- Post 16 open afternoon for **selected** students, parents/carers and pupils will be informed **(on site 12.30 pm- 2.30 pm)**
- CEIAG – careers remote learning activities and online courses **(remote)**
- Independent Career advisor interviews; pupils will be requested to attend appointments or pupils can request their own appointment through their Head of Year or Assistance Head of Year **(on site)**

Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 June:

- Remote learning programme on key curriculum areas to support transition into Post 16 destinations/subjects accessed through the remote learning platform **(remote)**
- Wellbeing phone calls from your pastoral lead **(remote)**

Thursday 17 June - *Building Healthy Relationships* day:

- **ALL** Year 11 pupils to attend the *Building Healthy Relationships* day; this will include sessions on Healthy Relationships, peer on peer pressure, contraceptive measures and STIs. **(on site 9.00 am- 1.00 pm)**

Friday 18 June:

- CEIAG – careers remote learning activities and online courses **(remote)**
- Independent Career advisor interviews; pupils will be requested to attend appointments or pupils can request their own appointment through their Head of Year or Assistance Head of Year **(on site)**

Monday 21- Tuesday 22 June:

- Remote learning programme on key curriculum areas to support transition into Post 16 destinations/subjects accessed through the remote learning platform **(remote)**
- Wellbeing phone calls from your child's pastoral lead **(remote)**

Tuesday 22 June

- Grace Academy pupils that have applied to Post 16 will be invited in for a transition subject day (details to follow) **(on site 10.00 am- 2.00 pm)**

Wednesday 23 June 4 pm - 6 pm:

- End of year celebration party & summer BBQ **(on site 4.00 pm- 6.00 pm)** **Dress Code for this will be smart casual rather than school uniform.**

The final day for Year 11 will be **Wednesday 23 June** where all pupils will be invited into school for a celebration party & summer BBQ. This will be an opportunity to thank your child for their hard work and for them to say goodbye to their teachers and peers in a more relaxed setting and enjoy some fun activities, as well as being a part of the presentations for the Head of Year awards. Pupils will be allowed to bring their spare shirts in for signing on this day where we will celebrate the end of a challenging year.

We thank you once again for your continued support throughout the last year and we hope you will ensure your child attends the necessary sessions outlined above, including the celebration party.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Reeves, Assistant Head of Year 11.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Knight

Head of Year 11