

Principal's Blog

Friday 30th April 2021

Enrichments, Careers and Year 11

ENRICHMENT

Since returning after Easter our enrichment sessions have started for all year groups. We currently offer a wide range of both creative and supportive enrichment activities. The creative enrichments range from a variety of PE activities and sports to a Harry Potter Club available for Year 7 on a Friday.

Students are able to access all enrichments for their year group. We have been updating students with all activities every Monday during tutor time.

Our supportive enrichments are available for students currently working towards GCSE and equivalent qualifications. These are available in most subjects for Year 10-11 students to try and take those extra steps to improve the grade they are working at.

Our latest programme has been added this week to the 'Letters to Parents' section of the website. Please have a look at this and discuss with your child which they could get involved in.

CAREERS



Our careers offer to students is also developing over the coming weeks. All of our Year 11 students have now received at least one 1-2-1 session with our careers advisor from Careers Inc. Following this almost every Year 11 student already has a confirmed positive destination for next year. Absolutely fantastic news!

We are also in the initial stages of organising a careers fair for students to attend in July. This will give students an opportunity to meet a wide range of

employers to plan their next steps after they leave our academy. We asked students during tutor time what they would want from a careers fair and we are now in the process of trying to get as many of these into the Academy for the event.

YEAR 11

Wow what a year group!

They have had such a difficult key stage 4 experience with Covid-19 interrupting their learning, social experiences and wider learning. However, the vast majority are still giving it their all.

My team and I are immensely proud of everything they are doing to ensure that their evidence is ready for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). Once confirmed, we are not permitted to inform students of their TAGs. Information regarding TAG results day and the appeals process will be coming soon.

I know that students and some parents have started to ask about when Year 11 will leave this year. We are currently still very busy collecting evidence, cross marking with other academies and supporting knowledge gaps. Once a date has been agreed we will update you. We will after the leaving date still support your child with sessions in the academy and virtually to prepare for Post 16 and life skills. Thank you for your patience with this.

I wish you a relaxing bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday 4th May.

Information Site to access support can be found

here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa>



Guardian Summaries

We often receive from parents questions about how they can further support their child. One method is by signing up to **Guardian Summaries**.

A detailed support area for this is here

<https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com/home>. Guardian Summaries will allow you to see what work your child has been assigned.



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