

Monday 12th April 2021



This week sees us welcoming back students after the Easter break and I hope families have managed to get together outside to see each other as we continue our slow release from lockdown.

This half term is a very busy one in school with GCSE assessments taking place for Year 11. Now that JCQ and OFQUAL have published their final guidance over the Easter break we can confidently continue with our plans to assess students to allow us to submit their grades in the Summer which will do their efforts and abilities justice. I will write to Year 11 parents separately to explain the detail of the process and to give an overall picture of the next few weeks. I am pleased that the process allows us the flexibility for students to show what they are capable of and I am sure that students have been working hard in preparation for these assessments. Although the guidance and procedural ramifications were late coming into schools, the process I believe is the best it could be in these difficult times.

We have started our longer lunchtimes this week which means that the school day will now finish at 3.30pm, I am pleased that the weather looks fair and I hope that students will appreciate the extra time to spend with their friends in a more relaxed fashion. I am also hopeful that as things continue to relax we will be able to restart some outdoor clubs again in the coming weeks.

With Best Wishes

Simon Martin
Headteacher

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9