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**To: All Parents/Carers and Students of Year 11**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family are keeping well, and are adapting to new ways of living and learning at home during these unprecedented and challenging times.

I am writing to you to reassure you that whilst we are continuing to work with you as an Academy and CLF Trust, we have received further information from Ofqual regarding the assessment process for your upcoming GCSEs. As you will appreciate, under the current circumstances this has been a complex piece of work to ensure that students are not disadvantaged and their work they have completed is fairly reflected in the qualifications they are awarded.

Details that outline the GCSE awarding process can be found by clicking the links below:

**Ofqual Letter to Students**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

**Information for schools, students and parents**

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcse-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>

In summary, the key messages are:

Schools will be asked to submit:

- A 'Centre Assessment Grade' which is the grade you would have most likely achieved if you had sat your exams.
- A rank order of students within each grade for each subject

Further information:

- Schools have been asked to consider a range of assessment methods such as classwork and homework; your results in assignments and mock exam; any non-exam assessment or coursework you have done; and your general progress during each course.
- Grades submitted to the exam boards will then go through a process of standardisation to ensure fairness across schools.
- At this stage, please do not carry on with completing any coursework. You will not be disadvantaged if you were not able to complete work that was given out after King's Oak was closed.
- We have been told by Ofqual that we cannot share the Centre Assessment Grades with students, parents or carers. As a result, currently, we are unable to release any grades from exams already taken this year until we have received further guidance.
- You will receive your grades by August if not earlier.
- You will then have the option to appeal the grades (where appropriate) and/or sit the exam during the next academic year.

I hope that the update above provides some reassurance and clarity about what happens next for your GCSEs although I understand you may be feeling unsettled. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mr Cormack: [Richard.cormack@clf.uk](mailto:Richard.cormack@clf.uk) or the Heads of House team: [koaheadsofhouse@clf.uk](mailto:koaheadsofhouse@clf.uk).

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As Post 16 providers are starting to increase their communication with you, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have several Post 16 provisions across the CLF who welcome applications from you. As you are currently in our CLF Year 11 cohort, the CLF P16 programmes will be in a position to confirm a place for you. The P16 team will send out more detail on the courses that are available at the start of Term 5.

Links to P16 CLF provisions:

Boomsatsuma - <https://www.boomsatsuma.education/>

CLF Post 16 - <https://www.clfpost16.org/>

Digitech Studio School - <https://digitechstudioschool.co.uk/>

Winterstoke Hundred Academy - <https://winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk/>

**With regards to other 'Frequently Asked Question' (FAQs) I have received from Year 11 students via email following the academy closure, I have the following updates:**

**1. Why should I continue completing Home Learning work for subjects that I will not be studying in Post 16 or beyond?**

A. Motivational/intrinsic learning and a sense of achievement. Regardless of whether you will continue to study a subject at Post-16 or not, one of our aims at King's Oak is to ensure that each young person develops a curiosity and love of learning regardless of external reward or acknowledgment. You have studied 8+ subjects at KS4 for 11 years (in most cases) and it would be wonderful for you to be able to finish the entire curriculum before moving into your chosen P16 pathway. There are also mental health benefits regarding maintaining a routine and using education as a tool to keep your mind active and developing!

**2. When will our Leavers Assembly and Prom take place?**

A. Unfortunately your Leavers Assembly and Prom have been postponed, until further notice. We will be in touch with further updates in this regard. Until then, we recognise that these are events all Year 11 students look forward to and we will do everything we can to ensure we acknowledge and celebrate your achievements when possible.

**3. How and when can we purchase our 'Year 11 Leavers Jumper'?**

A. Orders for leavers jumpers are to be made through 'Initially Yours' by following this link [http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/kings\\_oak\\_academy/leaver\\_hoodies.htm](http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/kings_oak_academy/leaver_hoodies.htm)

All orders will be home delivered (the delivery price is included). The date that orders must be made by has been extended to 12 April.

Kind regards,



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