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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: End of Term for Year 11

As you will be fully aware our Year 11 students and staff have been working for several weeks now on completing 'in class' assessments and coursework that will go towards their final Teacher Assessed Grades. When we started this process back in March, no one really knew what challenges we would face in doing this, but it is to the credit of the students that they have tackled these challenges head on. They have worked diligently, with purpose and have shown a positive attitude in some very difficult circumstances.

As I write this, we are confident that the majority of our students will have completed sufficient work for the evidence they need for their grades by next week and following DfE guidance we have made the decision that **Friday 28th May 2021** will be the last day for Year 11 students. We are aware that some Year 11 students may need to continue to work beyond this date and make themselves available to come into the academy up until Tuesday 15th June. This time will allow us to moderate the work that has been completed and, if we feel further evidence is required to support the awarding of grades for students, for them to come in on a case-by-case basis to complete appropriate assignments and assessments. In these instances, we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible so that students can make the appropriate arrangements to attend the academy.

Again, in line with the DfE guidance, both next week, as students finish their final pieces of work and after hopefully after half term, we will be providing an alternative curriculum to help students prepare to move on with the next stages of their education and lives. This is something we would have done through our PSHE programme and other opportunities in the academy normally. This adapted programme will include topics that we have not been able to cover from the PSHE programme about keeping themselves safe as well as some preparation for what students may go on to do next year.

The last day for Year 11s, Friday 28th May, will be an opportunity to celebrate their time at the academy and we will have a leaver's assembly on this day.

In addition to all this, we are confident that the Year 11 Prom will go ahead this year. Assuming that national restrictions continue to ease the prom will take place on Friday 16th July 2021. We have been working with Lynford Hall to make the event as special as we can whilst still trying to keep everyone as safe as we can given the current pandemic issues we are all facing. Lynford Hall and ourselves will continue to follow the Government guidance and whilst we are confident that the prom will go ahead at this stage please be aware that it may need to be cancelled with short notice should the national and local COVID situation change. (Further detailed information about all these events will follow).

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The staff in the academy who have worked closely with the Year 11s these past few months have all been impressed with the way they have approached the end of their time at the academy. This has been all the more impressive given the constant disruption that they have had to their education over the last couple of years. They now need this last determined push with a focused mind-set to get all necessary work completed to the required levels so that every student can reach their goals.

If you have, any questions around the end of year arrangements for Year 11 then please contact Mrs Warnes (Email: Kate.Warnes@tnha.org.uk) or Mr Nash (Email: Spencer.Nash@tnha.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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Mark Woodhouse
Principal