

27 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 - Leavers

I would like to say a huge thank you for the support you have given the academy during what has been a very challenging 18 months for us all. Your child has been part of a highly committed year group, who have shown motivation, resilience and drive in completing their final year to the best of their ability. I know that a lot of our students will be anxious and concerned about what lies ahead and will be disappointed and frustrated to not have the celebrations they deserve to mark their time at Acklam. I would like to reassure them and you that their 5 years with us has been amazing, they have grown in stature, character and matured into wonderful young adults, which has been a pleasure to witness.

On the afternoon of Friday 28 May 2021, your child will be dismissed from the academy at approximately 2.00pm. **This will be their final day in the academy.** We ask that all students attend wearing **full school uniform** and must stress that the usual standards and expectations **must** be adhered up and including that day. Failure to adhere to our usual standards and expectations may result in students not attending the celebration event outlined below.

Celebration Event

We are just as disappointed as the students are that our usual Prom and Prom breakfast will not go ahead this year due to the current national COVID-19 restrictions in place. However, our Y11 students will attend a celebration event on Friday 28 May 2021 from 12.00pm onwards until around 2.00pm. They will have a leavers lunch followed by a special leavers assembly in the theatre. This will be followed by a period of social time as a year group outside (weather permitting) with refreshments and treats before then leaving school, for the last time.

This will be their opportunity to say farewell to the academy staff and students and it will be a lovely time for them to remember. We look forward to seeing our wonderful Year 11 as we celebrate their time with us. Thank you to those parents and carers who have helped make the day as special as it can be by engaging with the activities we have planned for the students. A reminder that students are expected to wear their full and correct uniform throughout the event.

Masterclasses

To support our Year 11 students to transition to their next steps, we have planned over 100 Masterclasses which will be delivered remotely in many different subject areas, delivered by Outwood teaching staff across the whole Trust. These sessions will be available from Monday 7 June until Friday 30 June 2021. We also have sessions delivered by our independent careers advisory partner, Careers Inc. This is a new and exciting offer for Year 11 students and is available to all Year 11s whether they are transitioning to A-level study, moving into the world of work, starting an apprenticeship or still unsure. We firmly believe that this comprehensive programme has something for everyone.

How do students access the Masterclasses?

We will send the link to the Masterclass Google Site in the coming days but for now, please see a [link](#) to a promotional video explaining how the Masterclasses will be accessed and the types of sessions on offer. The site is very easy to navigate and students can choose which sessions to opt into but will need to complete the registration form so we can track their progress and engagement.

Does my child need to book onto the Masterclasses?

The simple answer is no. As the sessions are either delivered on Google Live or are pre-recorded, students do not need to pre-book. They can merely join at the appropriate time or access the pre-recorded sessions at a time that suits them.

How do students know which Masterclasses are available and when?

The full Masterclass schedule will be published on the Google Site which will be sent to you in due course. However, the timetable for week commencing 7 June is already available and is on page 2 of this letter. We will use our usual social media accounts to promote the classes regularly and hope that your child is able to join the sessions they are interested in.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our incredible support and teaching staff. They have worked tirelessly to ensure all our students are provided with the very best opportunities and I am always astonished by their continued efforts. The Masterclass Programme is a great example of how our staff, across the whole Trust, continue to find ways to ensure our students have the very best opportunities made available to them.

Results Day

Students will be invited to collect their GCSE results from the Academy on **Thursday 12 August 2021**. Plans are currently being finalised and put in place to ensure that students can collect their results safely.

Timings for students to collect their results are as follows:

Surname A - F	8.00am - 9.00am
Surname G - M	9.00am - 10.00am
Surname N - Z	10.00am - 11.00am

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the academy on 01642 818200.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your incredible support over the years and I wish your child and your family health, happiness and success for the future.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Gray
Principal