

# Haileybury Turnford

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Dear Year 11

It seems so long ago now that we were all at school and prepping for your exams and so much has changed for you, the school and the world. It is sometimes hard to remember that this too will pass and we will emerge as stronger human beings with a greater sense of what is important to us and what our values truly are.

I am sure that you will have read and heard that schools will be reopening using a phased approach and that Years 10 and 12 will be the first students returning. Whilst you as Year 11 will not be returning to school, we are still keen to ensure that you are supported in moving to the next phase in preparing for your future, whether that is at Haileybury Turnford, or elsewhere.

We are not able to provide exact dates at this point; however, we would like to flag up some key events we will be holding to celebrate the year group and to support transition.

1. We will be holding a Virtual Leavers' Assembly, to which all students and parents will be invited. We will also record this to make it available if students and parents are not able to 'attend'.
2. There will be a virtual Sixth Form Induction Day, to outline how Sixth Form operates and to look at subject choices and next steps.
3. We will be issuing further summer work to help bridge the gap from GCSE to A level and to provide opportunities for wider reading and research.

We would also like to explain the grade allocation and results process for this year. Teachers have been considering a wide range of evidence to allocate a grade for each student they teach. This grade is based on external examinations (where appropriate), mock data, coursework, as well as internal assessments, classwork and intervention work. Teachers have also taken into consideration the gains that students make in the final months due to revision, Easter lessons, interventions and targeted work. Teachers have then allocated a grade. However, it is important to note, that the grade that our staff give may not be the grade that you are given by Ofqual in your final results.

## How could the grade be amended?

Once teachers have allocated a grade they have then been asked to rank your performance against the performance of your peers in school in each subject they take. This will give the examination board information that will allow them to set the grade boundaries. They will then consider a variety of data, including your performance at the end of KS2. This may mean in some circumstances that, where a student is at the higher end of a ranking you may be given a grade higher than the teacher's judgment. It could also mean that where a student is at the lower end of the ranking you may be given a grade lower than the teacher's judgment.

Schools and staff have been advised by the Government, Ofqual and the Department for Education that they are not allowed to share the grades that they have allocated nor the ranking with students or parents. Any non-compliance with this request will have serious repercussions for the school and potentially the student, and as such we cannot provide predicted grades for colleges at the moment. If these are requested, please ask colleges to contact Ms Just [justk@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:justk@haileyburyturnford.com) or Mr Macaulay [macaulaye@haileyburyturnford.com](mailto:macaulaye@haileyburyturnford.com). If you have any questions regarding this process please contact me on the above email address.

Results will be issued to schools on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 and these results will be available to students on Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>. We are working on plans for how to distribute these results and we will be offering a variety of means of collecting these, but we will provide more detail once we have information about what is possible under lockdown, or whether some restrictions have been lifted.



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For now, we suggest that students continue to complete the Bridging Projects for their Sixth Form and college courses and continue looking into future careers and apprenticeships, Information about this can be found in our March letter.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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