



# The Crossley Heath School

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## Plans for Year 11 and Year 13 in the final half of the Summer Term

Dear Parent / Carer

Traditionally at this time of year we write to parents of year 11 and year 13 informing them of the exam timetable, and the arrangements for the last day of classroom learning and the commencement of study leave. However, this year the needs of the cohort will be different. The approach to awarding GCSE and A level grades this year requires schools to submit grades by 18 June 2021. Allowing time for marking, moderation and administrative checks this effectively means that any work completed after the May half term would not form part of the evidence base for centre assessed grades. Therefore the last day of full time education for Y11 will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Similarly for Y13 the final day of school will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

In line with government guidance the school will continue to provide support for effective student progression to the next stage of their education.

### For Year 11:

- Bridging work, designed to support students' transition between GCSE and A level studies will be provided by each department. It will ensure that key concepts and important skills are practised and consolidated prior to the commencement of A level courses. This work will be released in two tranches in early June and early July. Students can and should access this work via the school website. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form team will contact all students holding offers for our 6<sup>th</sup> form next half term. We feel that this bridging work is of value to all Y11 students moving on to A level study and those moving on to other providers are still encouraged to access these resources and use them as part of their preparation for next year. Other providers usually make similar arrangements for those students joining them in September.
- Careers support will continue to be available for those students who have not yet secured a 6<sup>th</sup> form place, apprenticeship or employment for next year.
- Pastoral support and advice will still be available. Should, you require any support for pastoral issues, please contact Mr Donlan or Mr O'Connor.

We would also strongly encourage Year 11 students to participate in the National Citizenship Scheme which runs each summer. Crossley Heath students who have participated in the past have found the scheme to be hugely enjoyable and beneficial. Details can be found at:

<https://wearencs.com/summer>

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**For Year 13:**

- For students progressing to university, we advise that they explore and complete the prior reading provided by the institution or spend time reviewing key concepts from the A level pertinent to the course they will be studying next year.
- Careers support will continue to be available to those applying for apprenticeships or employment from September. Students should contact Mrs Doig if they need assistance in this matter.
- As usual, support with university entry and the clearing process will be available from the 6<sup>th</sup> form team throughout results week (Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August onwards).
- Pastoral support and advice will still be available. Should students require any support for pastoral issues, please contact Miss Rudman.

If you require any further information on these plans, please contact the relevant Progress Leader for your child's year group.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Brownlie

**Deputy Head, Achievement**