

# Hayle Academy

21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Following several weeks of working with their teachers on revision and assessment activities, Year 11 students are moving into their final few days of assessment lessons and their time with us at Hayle Academy is beginning to draw to a close. In another unprecedented year of schooling, with Covid interruptions and changes to assessment arrangements, students deserve congratulating for the resilience, determination and maturity that they have demonstrated. As we move towards the end of students penultimate week in school, we wanted to write to you to update you on the arrangements for next week and beyond.

Students will have between one and three assessments to undertake next week, with all students undertaking an English assessment, and many completing assessments in their option subjects. To support these final assessments we have changed the day around as follows:

**On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** students will have additional lessons with their English teacher for lesson 1 and lesson 2, in order to support them in their final assessment. Students will then attend their normal options lesson for lesson 3. Students who do not study GCSE Spanish will leave school at the end of lesson 3 (13:50pm) and will be expected to continue with their English revision remotely; arrangements will be made for those students who normally catch the school bus home. Students who study GCSE Spanish will remain in school for the full day and will complete their assessment during lesson 4.

**On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** students will complete their final English assessment during lesson 1. They will then attend a leavers assembly during lesson 2, led by senior leaders and supported by their tutors. This will conclude by 11am, at which time students will leave school. Again, arrangements will be made for those students who normally catch the school bus home.

**On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** students will not be expected to attend school, as all assessments will be complete. Where there are individual students where we are missing assessment information, we may be in touch to arrange a time from Wednesday onwards to come in to school to complete the missing work.

Following on from this, over the next few weeks staff will be working to assess and moderate the students' work, and will begin the process of evaluation in order to decide on the centre assessed grades students have demonstrated for each subject. By 18<sup>th</sup> June, schools have to submit these grades to the exam boards, who will publish the final grades to students on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Following this, students are able to appeal grades for a limited set of circumstances; we will update you with further details on this in due course. As a reminder, students, parents and carers wishing to inform us about any mitigating circumstances for the assessments should do using the guidance on our website here: <https://www.hayleacademy.net/year-11-gcse-grading-2021/>, by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> May.

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In the meantime, students need not rest on their laurels. We look forward to seeing many students back in school for the Prom celebration, on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> June, and while students are not attending lessons in school after 25<sup>th</sup> May, we would very much encourage students to continue with their education, by engaging with Truro and Penwith College's Digital Campus programme, which provides them with a transition pack to help prepare for their further studies. The guide for students to register for this is enclosed with this letter.

In closing, I would like again to congratulate students on their efforts this year and wish them all the very best for the future, and to thank all parents and carers for your help and support while students have attended Hayle Academy.

With best regards,

**Simon Horner**  
Head of School



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