

13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students

We know that many of you are keen to understand what the remaining few weeks of this term look like for your child along with plans to mark the end of their time here at Springwell Community College.

We would like to confirm that we will be expecting students in Year 11 to attend in-college provision after May half term until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the earliest. During this week there will be targeted catch up sessions for students who have missed assessments or who need further evidence for their GCSE portfolios. Attendance remains compulsory for all Year 11 students.

We are very mindful that our Year 11s have not had the opportunity to undertake some of the valuable activities aimed at preparing young people for life after Springwell. This includes building a good quality CV and ensuring that post-16 plans are both in-place and suitable. We have, therefore, put in place an engaging series of activities and learning experiences for the students alongside completing their portfolio work. For a variety of logistical reasons not all of the sessions can be facilitated in college. Therefore, between 7<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> June, Year 11 students will have a mixture of in-college and home based learning; each student will be advised of their individual timetable so that they know which sessions are in-college and which are at home.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June there will be an assembly where we will reflect on the last five years and share some memories and experiences. The assembly, which will be conducted in line with Covid restrictions in place at the time, will allow us to celebrate and conclude our students' time as Springwell Community College's Class of 2021. We are delighted to announce that, following the formal assembly, we have arranged a Year 11 Leavers' Celebration. Whilst we are disappointed that this will not be a formal prom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be a relaxed and enjoyable celebration that will include a choice of externally catered food, photography and the chance to reflect on their time at Springwell and to say goodbye to their peer group and staff.

This week in assembly we will launch a 'Future's Passport' of criteria which, once completed, will act as their ticket to the year group celebration. Each of the criteria are designed to

support your child in preparing for their future and also ensure that the last few weeks in college are purposeful and productive. The criteria will include:

- Completing all work for the GCSE portfolio
- Attending every day
- Producing a high quality CV
- Agreeing a post-16 plan
- Receiving no negative Right to Learn sanctions

We will send out personalised information and 'Celebration Event' invitations in due course. We would like to thank parents and carers at this point for your continued support during your child's time at Springwell.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



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