

4th April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have had a pleasant start to the Easter holidays. I did a wonderful walk to Alport Castles in the Peak District a few weeks back and was further reminded of the beauty on our doorstep. It is also great to see our city full of life and hope again as Spring arrives.

Ambition

Several of our Year 10s had a workshop from the Royal Airforce this term while all of Year 9 will have a university visit next term. Whether or not students decide to go to university is a choice for them but we are united with you in our high aspirations for students and it is important to me that they get the grades that put them in a position to choose, whether they decide to attend or follow another path.

Knowledge

According to the Year 11 mock data, nearly 25% of students in the Year group are on course for a grade 7-9 in Maths (the equivalent of a Grade A or A* when we were in school – grade 9 represents an A**). This is very exciting and- should it be replicated in the summer- would mean that our students are achieving in line with the very best comprehensive schools in the country for this subject.

Determination

Our Year 11s and 13s in particular must show great self-leadership and discipline over the Easter holidays to improve their knowledge and act on the specific feedback from the Year 11 mocks. Strong grades in the summer are generally founded on strong revision over the Easter holidays. If you are a parent or carer of one of these year groups, you can help them by reminding them of their learning milestones and check they are completing any on line revision (these have been outlined in the booklets that Year 11 have been given); helping them stick to their revision timetables- we have given them Yellow revision planners- and testing them on the key things that they need to improve, particularly in English and Maths. Many students have also been invited to attend Easter revision school in the second week of the holidays so your support in helping them to attend would be much appreciated.

I wish you a pleasant break with your family and hope to see even more of you at school events in the summer term.

Kind regards,



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