

Dear Parents/Carers

The year 11 students are continuing to do the school proud with their motivation and exemplary attitude as they prepare for the final stages of an extremely challenging year for them. To support your child further I am now writing to give you details about the plans we have for the Year 11 students this term.

The formal assessment phase will be completed at the end of May with the final day of compulsory school for all Year 11 students being Friday 28th May (Half Term). We are very keen, however, to remain 'open' after that period for the students who wish to continue to use the school's facilities and maintain contact with school staff. We will therefore be offering a programme to support students with their preparation for the next phase in education as well as with their career development. This will be available to all year 11 students until Wednesday 30th June.

The main activities which will be available will include

- Completing the pre-A level work that all departments will set for students studying A levels in their subjects next year. This work can be completed at home or at school and will be essential preparation for A level study next year. Completion of this work is compulsory for all students intending to study at Copleston Sixth Form.
- For students not intending to study A levels at Copleston, they would be welcome to use our IT resources to read around the non-practical aspects of their chosen courses and get a head-start on the theory work for their courses.

For both of these, students would need to be largely self-supported but help from school staff will be available as necessary.

The following activities will be available on specific days and students will need to sign up for them in advance

1. Preparing to apply for Oxbridge or Russel Group universities
2. Preparing to apply for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry
3. Personal finance
4. Job applications and writing CVs
5. Maintaining mental health and well-being
6. School community work

Our students should be congratulated on the way they have conducted themselves throughout Years 10 and 11. They are the year group most affected by the pandemic and the resilience and determination they have shown, and continue to show, does them (and their parents/carers) credit. I hope that the clarity of the structured assessment program provided by Mrs Vadali and an 'end-date' to aim for will help your child remain focussed for these critical last few weeks.

Please contact me by email if you would like to discuss anything further.

With my very best wishes

Paul Walker

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