

Year 11 Grades 2021 Update – Q&As

The following questions were asked by students and parents during the presentation of the 'Year 11 Grades 2021 Update' PowerPoint, which can also be found in the Parent Information section of the school website.

Year 11 Grades

What will students be doing between assessments? Will they be able to revise any subject irrespective of what lesson they are in?

They will be following their regular timetable. What happens during those lessons will be up to the teacher taking the lesson. If they still have an assessment to sit in that subject, the best use of time will probably be to revise for that subject. However, teachers do have discretion, they can decide to let students revise for a different subject, should they wish.

What would happen if a student had a gap within a Basket of Evidence, for example if a student had been self-isolating for an assessment or mock?

If a student is missing a complete item of evidence, the guidance states that we should look to see if there is a similar piece of evidence that can be used. For example, if you missed a December Mock exam, it might be that the October assessments which would have been of a similar length and with similar questions could be used in place. Where it is felt that the evidence could not be used because it is too dissimilar, that particular student in this instance would just not have that item used. This is where the holistic view would come into play. It does not mean that the student will necessarily be awarded zero for that item.

What processes are in place in case of errors?

We have very robust processes in place. Internal processes include having more than one teacher to check everything to make sure things are correctly added up and also that marks are put correctly onto the data systems used by the exam boards. We then have a verification process whereby two members of support staff (independent of the subject) double check every single student's data entries for every single subject. Following that there will be processes put in place for appeals, once the full details are released from the exam boards.

F6 A Level Bridging Programme

Is the programme compulsory?

No, we want students to have the full F6 experience which means they will be able to come and go, depending on their timetables. In order to do this we will need parental permission, parents will need to sign students up for the programme.

Is the programme only open to those wishing to attend F6?

No, the programme is open to all Year 11 students, regardless of where they wish to study in September and whether they wish to study A Levels or BTECs.

When will it take place?

Monday 7 to Friday 11 June.

Do students have to choose 5 subjects?

Students will choose a minimum of 4, but can select 5 subjects to give them the opportunity to experience a full breadth of different courses. Students may currently be set on the three subjects they would like to study, but we are asking them to choose 4 or 5 to ensure they make a fully informed decision.

Will it be just one session per subject?

No, for each of the subjects chosen, there will be a series of consecutive lessons over the programme duration.

Miscellaneous

When is the last day of school for Year 11?

Fullbrook Year 11s will have their last compulsory day on Thursday 27 May, those wishing to attend the F6 A Level Bridging Programme will finish on Friday 11 June.

Do students have to come into school to collect results?

At the moment, we are not sure whether students will come into school to collect results, this will be dependent on current restrictions at the time, however, whether we are able to have students onto site to collect results or whether all results need to be emailed, two things remain true: 1) students will be able to request that their results are emailed to their school email address (for data protection reasons, this must be the student's email, not the parent's), and 2) even if all results are emailed rather than collected in person, all students will be invited on site for a careers interview following the results release.

Will the Duke of Edinburgh scheme still run this year?

On the evening it was stated that the Duke of Edinburgh scheme would not go ahead this year, however, we have since received news that this may be possible depending on restrictions easing. We are looking into options and will be in touch with further details as soon as possible. Regardless of what we are able to offer this year, we are working under guidance from the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and are hoping to run the full offering next year – at Fullbrook 6, we follow the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme all the way up to Gold Award, students staying on at F6 will be supported through that.