

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 10 preparations for Summer 2021 examinations

I hope that as a family and household you are coping well during the lockdown. There should be a variety of work that your sons and daughters can complete during this extended period without school lessons and direct, face to face teacher support. I hope that they are trying their best to complete the activities that have been set as well as the variety of activities that are within the alternative curriculum.

I am sure that you – like us – are concerned about the time that they are missing in the classroom and the impact that this will have on their performance in their examinations in summer 2021. Whilst much attention rightly has been on the current Year 11, I want to reassure you that our focus is also on your son and daughter who will be in Year 11 in September.

It is difficult at this stage to make definitive plans as to how to work with your child to address the deficiencies that will be in their learning and understanding. All the work that they are currently doing at home will help to support our teaching staff in the future to address those concerns. Whether it is through the acquisition of knowledge or keeping their brain active the work they engage in at this time will enable them to work more effectively with their teachers to get back on track.

We know that there will need to be clear plans in place to address the specific time pressures that your son and daughter may feel as they approach their examination year. We will need to work together even more than ever to ensure that your child gains the grades that they are capable of to take that next step beyond JSTC at the end of Year 11. As a school we are starting to consider the different models we can adopt to support our new Year 11 and we will – on our return – be drawing up specific plans to address these worries. When those plans are in place, we will contact you to explain the specifics of those plans.

As a school we will be working hard on our return with your son and daughter to ensure that they achieve the grades that reflect where we feel their efforts and potential should take them. We are also currently working with teaching bodies and unions to ensure your son and daughter is treated fairly in the year ahead.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact me via the office e-mail address. (office@jstc.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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