



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and able to enjoy some of the activities that the easing of lockdown brings. In this update I wanted to bring your attention to a couple of pieces of information.

### **Additional Inset Day**

There will be an additional inset day on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**.

Firstly, can I apologise for the inconvenience. As you know schools are being asked to submit Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) for all Year 11 students and Post-16 students this year, instead of them sitting their normal exams. As you would imagine, there are very robust procedures in place that involve significant internal quality assurance and external quality assurance. For this to take place effectively we need the additional time during the inset day to ensure all the evidence we are using for students has been fully standardised and moderated, and information inputted on systems. Whilst some of this can be done after school, we really need this additional inset time to ensure it is completed to the highest possible standard.

### **Year 11 and Post-16 Information**

As both Year 11 and Post-16 come towards the end of their mock periods, next week they will all start to enter Window 3. The purpose of this window is to ensure we have all the information and evidence in place for each student and where necessary, collect more. As you know, a range of evidence to substantiate a grade is necessary. With this in mind, we are currently collating information about the evidence that we are using for each subject. In line with national guidance we will compile this information and send it to all Year 11 and Post-16 students and parents in order to provide total transparency and give an opportunity to make us aware of any mitigating circumstances.

### **Free School Meals – May Half Term**

If your child receives Free School Meals we will be supplying you with a further £15 to cover the forthcoming May half term. This will be paid in the normal way, directly into your bank accounts and we intend this taking place before the holiday period.

### **Obie!**

Finally, many of you will know that we are getting a school dog! It certainly seems to have generated a lot of interest on our JOG Facebook page with almost 3000 visits! Obie is currently 9 weeks old and is keeping myself, my wife and my children extremely busy at home, both day and night! Once he has his final injections he will start to come to school to get used to all the new sounds and smells. His training into a school / therapy dog will then start to take place!

As always, if there is anything else we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes,

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Headteacher