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Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: Distance Learning for Year 11

On Friday 28th May 2021, St James Academy will be holding a leavers' assembly for Year 11 learners. On this day Year 11 learners will finish school at 3 pm. Following this, Year 11 learners will revert to distance learning for the remainder of the academic year.

As a Trust, we have made the decision to switch to distance learning and a range of 'in school' activities from Monday 7th June to Friday 25th June 2021. There will also be some additional formal examination assessments for some learners from Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June 2021. If your child is required to attend their academy for one or more assessments, you will be contacted to explain the specific arrangements. It is vitally important that all learners are available as these assessments could prove crucial to the final grade that we award them.

For those learners that are not required to sit additional assessments, there will be the following provision:

- A range of high quality remote careers experiences.
- Careers support on designated days at the academy.
- Post 16 taster sessions at the academy.

Dates and details of the above will be issued in due course.

The official leaving day for Year 11 learners is Friday 25th June 2021. Until this date, there is a legal requirement for all learners to continue to engage fully with their academy and we have the systems and processes to track their engagement, just as we did during the last period of national lockdown. Vulnerable and key worker learners can continue to attend the academy if required. To arrange this provision, please contact the academy via emailing general@stjamesacademy.org.uk.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I would also like to wish all Year 11 learners my very best wishes for their final examination results this summer and for the next stage in their journey.

Yours faithfully

Jo Higgins
Chief Executive



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