

## Dudley Academies Trust

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Dear Parents/ Carers

### **Re: Coronavirus update (COVID-19) #5 – Year 11 Examinations**

Following my letter dated 19/03/20, noting that there will be no examinations this year, the Department for Education has now released further guidance as per the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

Please ensure you take a moment to read the guidance on the above link and share the relevant information with your child.

In short, the government's priority is to ensure affected students can move on as planned to the next stage of their lives, including going into employment, starting university, college or sixth form courses, or an apprenticeship in the autumn. Listed below are some of the key points from the guidance in the about link:

- The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July. In terms of a permanent record, the grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.
- If they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again. Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.
- The Government will not publish any school or college level educational performance data based on tests, assessments or exams for 2020.

In the meantime, please do continue to encourage your child to complete their distance learning. It is vital they continue to do so to ensure a smooth transition into their post 16 pathway. Each and every Year 11 learner will continue to have our support. All distance learning materials can be found on the individual academy website under the Distance Learning tab of the home page.

Regarding college interviews and spaces at our sponsor, Dudley College of Technology I can confirm the following:

- Letters will be sent to applicants offering them a conditional place at college.
- All applicants will receive a letter in the coming weeks.
- The college is taking new applicants via their website [www.dudleycol.ac.uk](http://www.dudleycol.ac.uk).



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For any further information, please contact [admissions@dudleycol.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@dudleycol.ac.uk).

I would really like to emphasise how proud I am of our Year 11 learners and how hard they have been working; I know that I speak on behalf of every member of staff across our Trust. We also appreciate that our Year 11 learners have not ended the academic year with celebrations they deserve such as special leaving assemblies and the Prom. To go some way to addressing this, I can reassure you that we plan to hold a celebration of our learners' effort and achievement during the autumn term 2020/2021.

Thank you in advance and take care.

Yours faithfully

Jo Higgins  
Chief Executive



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