



**Thursday 6 May 2021**

Dear Parent

### **Years 8 - 11**

Pupils in Years 8 – 11 continue preparing for their assessment window. The assessment window will take place Wednesday 12 May – Wednesday 26 May (inclusive): Junior School Assessments (30mins) and Year 11 Assessments (45mins – 60mins). Pupils have now received their assessment timetable.

### **Years 12 - 14**

On Friday 7 May CCEA will publish a short students' animation on the Summer 2021 awarding process. The animation is available to view at <https://ceea.org.uk/student-guide-summer-2021>

**Year 12** pupil assessments will draw to a close on Friday 14 May. For the weeks beginning Monday 17 May (Mon – Thurs) and Tuesday 25 May (Tues – Fri) we are going to offer a combined Taster and Enrichment Timetable. Year 12 pupils will be invited to sign up for some Sporting Sessions, Food & Nutrition (can't cook... won't cook!) and AS Taster sessions. These will be up to lunchtime each day ending with a Big Breakfast Celebration on Friday 28 May (9am – 10am). Pupils will receive information next week where they will register their attendance.

**Year 14** pupils finished up the main bulk of their assessments on Wednesday 6 May with the exception of those completing work for BTEC. We had a lovely outdoor gathering last afternoon to celebrate and mark their many achievements over the years. I spoke with Year 14 to round-off what has been a Sixth Form Experience which no one could have prepared for. The ice-cream van was booked and each pupil got a small treat... a small gesture greatly received! Some pupils will continue to attend for GCSE and BTEC commitments which will end on Friday 18 June 2021.

### **Uniform**

I have been pleased with the standard of uniform especially following a period of lockdown where children have experienced growth spurts and I thank you for your commitment to the College. Senior Staff and Heads of Year have noticed some habits creeping in over the last couple of weeks. Some reminders: Pupils must refrain from wearing non-regulation hooded tops and footwear. PE kit can only be worn on days when PE is timetabled. I firmly believe that uniform, when properly worn, sets a standard and supports the delivery of a quality education. We must work together to maintain standards. In addition, to support parents I am currently exploring developments for September 2021 – sporting bottoms for boys and leggings for girls which will be stocked by Wallaces of Ballymena, we are currently consulting with the pupil counsel.

Your continued support with all of the above is greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 11 May and Monday 24 May are Qualification Procedure Days, pupils do not attend on these dates.

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Yours sincerely

Niall Oliver

**Principal**