



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Together we're stronger, seems to capture the mood of the moment and as a community we reflect this so powerfully. So, thank you for your steadfast support during these challenging times over the past year: whether it was enabling us to test students quickly on their return to site; accepting the wearing of masks in class (which none of us would do by choice); supporting and guiding your child as they navigated remote learning, so we could do our best; helping them overcome some early anxieties as they returned to the classroom; or reassuring exam students that their hard work will be recognised in this year's GCSEs and A-levels. Together we have got through a very challenging year, students are now settled back in and working harder than ever. Thank you!

We now have the JCQ guidance on how to award GCSE and A-level grades this year. It tells us how the school and the exam boards will guarantee grades are fair and accurate. It is important students know their final grades are well deserved and have true validity for them to progress to the next stage of their education, training or employment. I have attached a document from JCQ for parents and carers to read so you understand the process.

The applications for Riverside Sixth Form have been extraordinary this year, with over 4 applicants for each place. As delighted as we are with the huge interest it is always sad when a Riverside student is declined. We will always offer Riverside students a place before external applicants, so long as they meet the entry criteria. If your child is offered a place this Thursday it is important to accept it by confirmation as soon as possible or the place will be offered to another student, as I'm sure you can imagine we have a very long waiting list and must prioritise those students who definitely wish to study with us. We will work with all year 11 students to ensure they find a suitable course and institution for their next step in life.

The final day of this term is a non-uniform day whereby students donate £1 to a charity to not wear uniform. Students must come in school uniform if they do not wish to donate £1.

Thursday 1st April 2021 is the last day of term for Yr7-12 and students will be dismissed by 13.30pm. Yr13 on Wednesday following their lessons. All students return to school on **Monday, 19th April 2021** for a normal **8.40am** start (8:30am on site). We will ask all students, with consent from you which we already have recorded, to self-administer a Covid test using a LFD, as we did when we returned to school in March. We have identified 5 asymptomatic student cases since returning, so it is definitely helping keep our school and community safe.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and restful break over the holiday from all of us at Riverside School as we look forward to summer term and the restarting of clubs and sports that make school so enjoyable for so many.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts
Headteacher