

Headteacher's Blog - Year 11 & Year 13 Update - 4th December 2020

The government have set out plans for how examinations in the summer will work

You may have seen in the news yesterday that the Government have stated exams are going to happen in the summer and have released some information and guidance about the potential changes to exams and what they might look like. You can read the press release from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-measures-to-support-students-ahead-of-next-summertime-exams?> We will update as soon as we get further detail in the New Year.

We have a recovery curriculum to support your child

As a school we are continuously adapting our curriculum to ensure that we are supporting and preparing our students for their exams and life beyond the Coleshill School. We have already put significant work into ensuring that we have a 'recovery curriculum' in place to support Year 11 and 13 students who missed learning time during lockdown and have had disruption to learning through any absence or self-isolation.

Year 11 targets and reports

Students now have a minimum and a challenge target

In Year 10 we set aspirational targets, we have reviewed targets to ensure that they are realistic, attainable and yet still, aspirational. We have now set your child a minimum target based on national benchmarking for what they should achieve in each subject. Therefore, on Go4Schools you will now see that there are two targets; a minimum and challenge target grade. Our aim is to ensure that, with our support and your child's dedication to their studies, your child will achieve somewhere in between the two targets in the summer examinations.

All Y11 students will have a progress phone call by the end of next week

In the recent interim report about your child, published on Go4Schools you can see

- ✓ Minimum and challenge target
- ✓ Attitude to learning
- ✓ Progress towards minimum target

If you need support with Go4Schools please see the click to handout which was sent out last week:

https://thecoleshillschool.org/uploads/PDF/Headteachers_Blog/2020-2021/2020.12.04-Year_11_Report_and_G4S_information.pdf

If you have any questions about your child's targets and progress, following your phone conversation, please email enquiries@thecoleshillschool.org.uk and the relevant person will get back in touch with you.

Year 13 reports and progress

Year 13 reports were issued last week with a letter explaining the relationship between targets and projected grades. As ever, the most important factor in determining the final outcome is the attitude to

learning and focus on study and we're confident that the majority of students are heading in the right direction.

If subject staff have any particular concerns you will have been contacted by phone or email and, if there are any further questions, please email Mr Owen at owen.g@thecoleshillschool.org

Year 13 destinations

It's the time of year when Year 13 students are making exciting plans for their futures and many of those who have applied to University have already received offers. There's no time to waste in getting applications in for those still putting it off and Mr Owen is always available for advice and guidance. Students should aim to have applications in before Christmas.

Those students looking for training and apprenticeships should be having a closer look at the relevant application processes and websites and talking to Mr Owen or Mrs Bishop about their options.

As ever, I wish you a peaceful weekend with your family. Take care and stay safe.

Ian Smith-Childs

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