

Tuesday 5th May 2020



Dear Parent/Carer and Year 11 Student

I hope you are keeping well. I would like to update you on the current situation for Year 11. I have numbered the points below for easy reference.

1. As a school we are currently going through the process of ranking students and projecting their grades. We are using all of the resources available to us and we are doing all we can to ensure students get the grades they would have been awarded had they sat the exam in May / June. We are utilising our network across the Community Schools Trust for support.
2. Teachers are not permitted to comment on a student's grades. I respectfully ask that you do not approach them to discuss this. Teachers do not know what the final grade awarded will be as this will be down to the exam board.
3. Some colleges are asking for references and predicted grades. This process was completed in October as is good practice in all schools and the grades were an indication in October of teacher prediction. Colleges are aware of this and the grades are used only as a guide. They are not current teacher projections.
4. You will be concerned about students' studies before starting college in September. Students should continue working on the skills they have not secured by looking at the key objectives on the DPR. I have written a guide on what to look at at the end of this letter.
5. When the assessment process is over, departments will be uploading A level bridging work for students to prepare them for post 16 courses. We will be in touch when this is available.
6. Students can continue their cultural and broader academic education. I have compiled a list of websites and a reading list for them to engage with.
7. Our Year 11 team will be calling students each week for a keeping in touch meeting. This is an informal call but if parents would like something specific discussed with their child, please email marcmay@hackneynewschool.org or gromykodumuje@hackneynewschool.org
8. If students receive information or need clarity around post -16 applications please contact the year 11 team or fionamcausalan@hackneynewschool.org

If you have any other questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Whelan'.

Mrs Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher

Attached: 1) *How to secure learning - a guide for year 11 students*

2) *Mrs Whelan's suggestions for year 11 to improve academic and cultural knowledge - Non reading list*

How to secure learning - a guide for year 11 students and their parents

1. Look at the DPR

- Please log on to <https://dpr.education/>
- You will need your child's DPR login details - your child will know these, but please email gromykodumuje@hackneynewschool.org if there are any problems.
- The centre number is 10497
- Click on the '2019' card
- Click on the individual subject cards and look at the key objectives (KO)
- Please note the following:
 - Red = emerging (more work needs to be done)
 - Orange = developing (they are beginning to grasp it)
 - Yellow = consolidating (they have a good knowledge)
 - Green = secure (they have mastered this KO and can move on)
- It was each student's target to consolidate/secure all of the Key Objectives by the end of this academic year. We understand that it is more difficult in the current situation but students could be working towards this aim.

2. Make a next steps plan

We suggest the following:

- Choose 2 Key Objectives for English, Maths and Science. Choose 1 Key Objective for other subjects you are interested in studying at KS5. These should be those that are orange or red and are your priority objectives.
- Write them down somewhere safe. These are your goals to try and secure by the end of the academic year.

3. Use the resources portal on the DPR to find extra work linked to these priority key objectives

- This is done by clicking on the 'resources' tab on the left side of the DPR
- Your subject teacher can also direct you to the correct resources if you email them
- Complete the resources and upload to DPR for your records.