

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



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JCO/JWH/Year 12 update

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 12 Update

As we approach the start of Module 5 and schools remain closed, it is important to emphasise the need for Year 12 students to stay committed to their studies and to outline the support we have in place to ensure that this is the case.

I know that this continues to be a worrying time, and that you will be concerned about the loss of valuable school weeks for your own year 12 son/daughter's preparations for their A Level/IB and BTEC examinations in 2021. As an academy, we are committed to supporting our Year 12 students so that they remain on track and well-prepared for their future examinations and their next steps.

The majority of our Year 12 students were with us during Year 11 and so will have study skills well-established and embedded. Students should also continue to complete all daily tasks on Google Classroom to remain on top of their studies. Work will be set again daily from Monday 20th April (start of Module 5). Year 12 students should be revisiting content from the start of the year, as well as completing extra reading around their subjects, to extend their subject knowledge 'beyond the specification'. Keeping on top of coursework preparation and deadlines is of vital importance in many subjects, even during the period of school closure, so students should be working closely with their teachers to receive feedback on their work and make improvements to it.

As ever, The Leigh Academy will continue to follow all DfE and Ofqual guidance about examinations. This is likely to include advice about how Year 12 students can move forward with certainty and assurance. As soon as we have any further news, we will share this with you.

In the meantime, we will continue to support all of our students with their online learning and in preparing for future qualifications, to ensure that all students are ready and able to secure the qualifications that they need for later life.

I am also pleased to announce the launch of a new website that Mr Forcella-Burton has created to support Year 12 students and their parents in the process of making decisions about Post-18 options, which will be available from Monday 20th April. In the summer term, the Post-16 Team would have been doing a lot of work to help students in their decision-making and it is important that students still complete the extensive thinking, research and preparation now; that will be required to enable them to be ready to apply



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for university in the autumn term and apprenticeships, employment or gap years in the spring term. On this new Post-18 Options website, you can access guidance, advice, support, ideas, video content and links to all of the support and information you will need to complete this process remotely together at home. The website can be accessed either via the Post-16 page on the academy website or directly via this link:

<https://sites.google.com/leighacademy.org.uk/post-18options-theleighacademy/home>

Please do visit this website and discuss your child's future plans with them as well as supporting them by asking to see the work that they are being set and completing via their google classrooms this term.

Thank you for ongoing support through this challenging time.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Collins', written in a cursive style.

Julia Collins
Principal