

4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Following a further government announcement regarding the closure of secondary schools we would like to provide you with further information regarding the provision for Year 11 for your students.

We would like to confirm that attendance to online sessions, including personal tutor time and lessons, will remain compulsory for all students.

At this moment vocational examinations scheduled for this month and next will be taking place as planned, therefore student attendance to these will continue. As soon as we receive any further information this will be communicated with you. In the meantime, we will ensure that our students are as prepared as possible through the continuation of online lessons and revision boosters.

Any detailed guidance regarding the summer examinations remains unclear. However, the government has made it clear that in the circumstances, they do not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned. They are continuing to work with Ofqual to consult rapidly to put in place alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly. We are yet to be provided information on how this will be put into place and will notify you and your child as soon as we have any further details.

Until we have further information it is important that student's work both at home and on their return to school provides their teachers with adequate evidence to inform any centre-assessed grades should they be required. This may include written work in their exercise books, assessment tasks and completed coursework. Attendance and participation in online lessons may also be used to inform these judgements.

We fully understand that the disruption to the school year can be extremely unsettling, particularly regarding a lack of information of next steps. However, we can assure you that all staff at OHA are committed to ensuring your child achieves, or exceeds, their academic potential and will continue to support them, through high quality online lessons until their return to the academy building. As soon as any further information is received this will communication with parents and students immediately.

Kind regards

Mrs Lawrence