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Dear Year 11 student & parents/carers,

You may be aware that it is the last day for Year 11 on Friday. It marks the end of a challenging year and several weeks of hard work for students, who have been:

- Revising
- Completing coursework
- Sitting mini-assessments
- Wearing face-masks in lessons

It is also the end of a long and tiring half-term for staff, who have been:

- Recovering subject content
- Setting mini-assessments
- Marking the assessments, which they still might be doing over their half-terms
- Teaching in face-masks

So far this week Year 11 students have been calm, well-behaved and focused for their assessments. However, I will make the difficult decision to exclude anyone who gets it majorly wrong in the last few days or on the last day itself. The last day is non-uniform, but any 'inappropriate' attire may result in students being asked to go home and change or being sent home altogether and miss the afternoon. I do trust the majority of Year 11 to get this right, though I am making expectations crystal clear so that everyone knows where they stand. I will also remind you and the students that turning up mid-way through the morning or later on Friday will not be admitted to the Leavers' Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of Year 11 for managing all the challenges that have been thrown at them this year. They should also be very proud of themselves. I do hope the next stage of their education will prove a little easier. It has been my pleasure to see those little cherubs I met 5 years ago grow up into the mature, good-humoured and polite young adults we predominantly see each day at the moment. I do, however, remember some tantrums in Years 7, 8 and 9 and they weren't all mine.

I have been on edge for the last two weeks concerned we may have some COVID issues in this year group given that Year 11s in other local schools have been affected. The decision to continue with face masks in lessons has proved to be correct, yet we need to stay vigilant over Year 11s last few days.

The final assembly that has been planned for the last hour of Friday will be the first one this year with a full year group, as we have been splitting them into half-year groups so far. We will be ensuring good ventilation in the Assembly Hall and asking students to keep their masks on throughout. It will be important that students sit in their form groups, so that we know who they are sitting near. We have considered using the Sports Hall as a bigger space to give more flexibility yet we would not have a screen to display the Leavers' Assembly presentations.

Mr. McArdle and Miss Sharpe have spent quite a while planning this assembly to celebrate their year groups 5 years at Montgomery and give them the send-off they deserve. I hope that students will join me in recognising the outstanding support and commitment of the Year 11 Pastoral Team over their time here. On Thursday, with most students having finished their assessments Year 11 will be working on employability skills and some important PSHE. They will cover CV writing, exploring payslips, interview skills, keeping their data safe online and substance abuse. Students who have missed some mini-assessments will be doing catch-ups instead.

From Monday 7th June until Friday 18th June we will be offering students the opportunity to take part in a range of online transition sessions. All Year 11s would benefit from participating whether they are destined for the Sixth Form College, Blackpool & Fylde College, an apprenticeship or employment. These are not compulsory but aim to revisit topics covered throughout their time with us. They will also provide students with a taster of content that may be covered in A-levels or further education courses. These will be delivered in a similar manner to that in which students accessed their learning during lockdown. Staff will share loom videos on the Year 11 Google Classroom and there will be opportunities for students to take part in Google Meet sessions with staff throughout the two week period. The programme will include sessions in English Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and MFL. The timetable for these sessions will be shared with students in school, on the Year 11 Google Classroom and in the Year 11 section of the school website. We would encourage students to access the KS4 Health and Well Being Google Classroom, this contains lots of valuable resources around well being and careers. All Year 11 students have been invited to join and this is updated regularly with useful information for students to access on their transition from Montgomery.

Finally, I would like to thank the massive parental support the school has received from parents over the last 5 years, but especially the last 15 months. We got to this point by working together and I feel that our motto of 'Inspiring Excellence Together' has never been more appropriate.

We look forward to seeing students again on Results Day (August 12th) to collect their results and more details of how the day will run will be sent out soon. I hope all families enjoy the summer in the meantime.

Regards



Mr. Careless
Headteacher