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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Summer Newsletter

I hope you are all keeping well in these unprecedented times.

GCSE Examinations - Summer 2022

At this stage, it is expected that GCSE examinations will run as normal in summer 2022. If due to Covid-19, the academy is expected to provide the evidence for Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs), there will be 'mock examinations' in November 2021 and January 2022. In addition, there will be assessments taking place in subjects during Year 11. Full information will be provided to parents in due course.

Students are completing their end of Year 10 assessments in the main hall under 'mock' examination conditions. This is the start of the process of preparing the students for their GCSE 'Mock' and final examinations in Year 11.

Parents' evenings

There will be 3 face-to-face parents' evenings in September, November and February. This will ensure parents are regularly informed in this crucial year.

Catch-up

I am very pleased that there have been no burst bubbles to the Y10 cohort which means that aside from the national lockdowns, there has been no disruption to learning.

Please note that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during Year 11; there will be a period 6 until 3:50pm. This extra 3 hours per week is intended to provide the students with additional support to catch-up on learning missed due to Covid disruption. If you have any concerns regarding this additional intervention, please can you contact the academy on office@beaconacademy.co.uk

Term Dates

Please note the summer term will end on Friday 16 July at the normal time of 2:50pm.

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Friday 16 July	Academy closes to students for the summer break.
Friday 3 September	New term begins Year 7 and Year 11 students only.
Monday 6 September	New term begins Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students.
Tuesday 21 September	Year 11 Photographs Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 22 October	Academy closes for half-term
Monday 1 November	Students return from half-term
Monday 15 November	Mock Examinations
Monday 15 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 17 December	Academy closes for Christmas

Extra-Curricular update

The usual work experience placement at the end of Year 10 has not been possible due to the pandemic, however the Year 10 students have benefitted from 'Virtual Work Experience', using virtual reality headsets.

The Year 10 History students were also supported by a virtual 'live' theatre performance and Q & A session from the Thackray Museum in Leeds to support the learning. I hope this provides parents with assurance that despite the significant impact of the pandemic, the academy has still been providing extra-curricular experiences for the students.

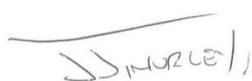
Beacon progress

I am pleased to report to parents/carers that Beacon Academy is continuing to progress. This summer the £300,000 Beacon Block will be completed with other site improvement works taking place. An additional 10 new members of staff will join the academy team on 1 September, including 8 new teachers.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents/carers a safe and happy summer holiday and thank you for all your support of Beacon Academy.

Yours sincerely



J Thurley
Headteacher