



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Student/ Parent/ Carer,

### **Information for Year 11 Parents and Students**

Please find attached our Year 11 Plan for transition, wellbeing, advice and guidance activities for the period from 7th June to 25th June. The dress code for this period will be College attire (smart casual) except for the wellbeing and team building sessions where they will need to wear sports kit. I have briefly outlined some of the activities in more detail below.

#### **1:1 appointments**

Each student will have an individual appointment with a member of staff during this period where they will outline their progress and evidence for the Centre Assessed Grades, as well as discussing their plans for Post 16. It is vitally important that students attend these appointments to help facilitate their transition beyond Isca. Students will be issued with their appointment time next week.

#### **Bridging Sessions – On site**

We are offering Bridging Sessions across a range of subjects to help students prepare for the next stage of their learning. All students who are planning on studying these subjects at College should sign up to the sessions using the [Year 11 Booking Form](#). The days, times and rooms for these sessions are shown on the attached schedule.

#### **Exeter College Flying Start – iDEA**

All Exeter College learners will follow a Personal Development Programme with their tutors at the College. Learners can get a head start in this using Digital Flying start. They can start earning accreditation towards industry recognised awards now, which they can transfer in September to their College accounts. Details of how learners register so that they can bring their credits with them to the College is contained in the poster attached.

#### **Exeter College Flying start – Subject specific work**

Exeter College will provide some subject-specific work to prepare learners for their college courses. This year it will include some sections of video content (College staff introducing topics, key concepts, some showing facilities etc.). This will be emailed directly to students holding a College place offer so they will need to please check their emails:

- Chapter 1: w/c 14 June
- Chapter 2: w/c 5th July

#### **Prospective REACH Academy students**

For students hoping to attend the REACH Academy, there is a Year 11 Live interactive online event **on Wednesday 16th June**. There are two sessions; Exeter Year 11s aspiring to medical careers (morning session starting at 9.15am) and a competitive university session (afternoon session starting at 1.15pm). There will be a mixture of information and guidance, with subject content and activities including input from Martin Gilbert, the Exeter College leader of Gifted and Talented provision. Students from the College will lead the debate sections. If you are interested in attending these sessions please sign up through the [Year 11 Booking Form](#). **Students will need to come in to Isca in room F05, to link in to these sessions if attending.**



### **Mental health and Wellbeing sessions**

We are also planning a number of fun, restorative activities aimed to promote good mental health and wellbeing and we would like students to identify their preferred session on the [Year 11 Booking Form](#) so that we can ensure the correct staffing ratios.

### **Leavers Hoodies**

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies can now be ordered through SCOPay. Scroll down to find Leavers Hoodies 2021. The deadline for placing orders is **Friday 4th June**. The hoodies cost £19.95 and come in six colours Jet Black, Heather Grey, Oxford Navy, Candy Floss Pink, Burgundy and Fire Red and in the five sizes shown below:

Size:	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Chest (to fit approx):	36	40	44	48	52

If you would like a nickname on the back of your hoodie please complete the [Year 11 Booking Form](#) (You will need your online order number to complete this form).

### **Year 11 Celebration Evening**

The provisional date for our Year 11 Celebration Evening is Thursday 8th July. However we are still unable to confirm if this will go ahead, given the uncertainty surrounding the national easing of restrictions. We strongly advise that no financial commitments are made until confirmed dates are released. We will update you as soon as we are able to.

### **Centre Assessed Grades**

Your child will be having 1:1 conversations with each of their teachers next week to ensure that they are clear about the evidence being used to determine their grade in that subject. Once all of our data collection and entry has been finalised, we will send you a letter detailing an outline of the evidence used to calculate your child's grade, so that they have a realistic understanding of the standard at which they have performed. We will not be able to share any final grades with you as this would contravene the exam board guidelines. Once the letter is received, if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our Year 11 students have almost finished their time with us at Isca Academy and I am so proud of all that they have achieved. This is the first year group that I have had the pleasure of seeing all the way through the school and they have been a credit to their families and to the school throughout. I know that whatever they choose to do beyond Isca, they will be committed, confident and resilient in their approach and will achieve all that they desire and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last 5 years.

Yours sincerely,

Aimee Mitchell  
Headteacher