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Dear Parents/Carers

Re. Internal Assessments, Evidence Informed Grades and Leavers information

As we are halfway through our mini-internal assessment period with Year 11 we wanted to contact you to let you know just how brilliantly the students have conducted themselves during this first week. At what has been a time of understandable nervousness and potential anxiety, the students have behaved impeccably in the assessment rooms giving themselves, and their peers, the best opportunity to perform at their best. They have set themselves a high bar, so we continue to expect this excellent conduct over the second week of the assessment period.

We are also pleased to be able to share with you that the last day for Year 11 students will be **Thursday 27th May**, the last school day of term 5. On this day students will be permitted to bring in a spare shirt to get signed and we will be sending them off Period 5 with a Leavers assembly and some refreshments. We are incredibly proud of how resilient and mature our Year 11 students have shown themselves to be over the past 18 months and look forward to celebrating their time at The Dean Academy with them. We understand that many of you will have questions regarding the prom and as soon as the government have made announcements about social gatherings and events, we will update you at the earliest opportunity. For those students that have purchased hoodies, these will be available to collect on the last day and year books will be available for collection on results day in August.

In the three-week period between the end of the mini-internal assessments and when Year 11 students depart, in many subjects, students will still be accruing evidence to contribute to the portfolios that will be used to derive their Evidence Informed Grade so could you please remind your son/daughter that they need to maintain their excellent attendance record and keep the effort up in lessons. Teachers will also use the time to support students in preparing for post-16 pathways (whether that be A Level, Vocational, Apprenticeship or work) so it is vital that students continue to engage fully in their lessons. Some students may need to return to school briefly after the official leavers date if we are missing evidence for key subjects; we will inform you of this individually if applicable.

We would like to also take this opportunity to offer our deepest thanks to all of you for helping us as a school to support your son/daughter during what has been an unprecedented time; we are incredibly grateful for all of the kind messages of support and encouragement that we have received.



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As always, if you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school info@thedeanacademy.org or if there are any questions specifically about the Evidence Informed Grades or assessments please contact Mrs Rowlands Hannah.rowlands@thedeanacademy.org.

Yours sincerely

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