

19th May 2020

Dear parents

Update from WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Coventry)

At this time of year we would normally be communicating to you about the start of the exams season, shirt-signing day, final assemblies and the well anticipated prom. It is of course incredibly disappointing that I am unable to do this. Instead, you have been at the forefront of managing our students' emotions and well-being at this critical (and challenging) time.

Nevertheless I wanted to update you on a number of issues:

- This week I am recording an assembly which will be distributed to via google classroom in order to 'check in' with Year 11. I plan to deliver some key messages about the next few weeks and months, so please encourage your son/daughter to view this.
- Regretfully the prom has had to be cancelled. We are currently working on refunding to you any deposits paid. We would, however, like to mark the graduation of the Year 11 students and I have tasked our prefect team to work with us to find a suitable (and safe) way of marking this. They will also be co-ordinating a final interactive assembly which I believe we can run effectively remotely.
- Leavers' hoodies are still available for order, under the scheme administered by Mrs Badham, and the closing date for order is 29 May.
- I wanted to reassure applicants to our Sixth Form. We will be working with you closely to aid your transition into Key Stage 5. We still plan to support students on GCSE results day to make the transition into Year 12 and more information will be provided to you nearer the time to explain how we can do this safely.
- My colleague Mr Young is co-ordinating a robust preparation package for students wishing to join us in Year 12 and there will be an expectation that this work is completed in order to make up the lost learning time we have experienced since 23 March. Students will be receiving communication about this work shortly.
- For students wishing to seek careers information and guidance, Mrs Carmichael is continuing to work remotely and can be contacted at p.carmichael@wmgacademy.org.uk
- A proportion of Year 11's will be hoping to join an apprenticeship scheme, gain employment or begin a course at a Further Education College in September 2020. In order to best prepare for these new opportunities a range of transitional resources will shortly be available on your Year 11 Directed Study google classroom. These will cover areas such as numeracy and literacy skills and transition support. It is important that you access these resources, in order that you are fully prepared to access new learning in September.
- If you have previously been supported by WMG's Special Educational Needs department (SEN), please feel free to contact Mrs Hickman c.hickman@wmgacademy.org.uk or Mrs Hinchliffe p.hinchliffe@wmgacademy.org.uk if you have any further queries or need bespoke support. This is particularly important if you will be supported by the SEN/Additional Needs department in your new setting. We can arrange for the transfer of your records, including exam access arrangements, and for contact with the department, if requested.

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I know that this has been a challenging time for Year 11 students, who in many ways have been most significantly affected by the closure of the school. I want to reassure you that we are still here for you and your families and will continue to work with you wherever we can.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal



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