

Dear parents and carers

As we come to the end of another busy week we would like to congratulate Year 11 students on the progress that they continue to make with their remote learning, attending live lessons and submitting tasks for marking and feedback. Thank you so much for the work that you do at home to make this happen.

In order to support the independent learning sessions in both Maths and Science, and to minimise screen time during these hours, you will be receiving two revision guides for both of these subjects through the post, during the coming week. Teachers will direct their classes to the relevant sections or pages for each independent learning session. Hopefully this will help to ease some of the anxiety around independent learning.

I would like to make you aware that students' M2 reports have now been uploaded to the WEDUC app which can be accessed using mobile devices. Instructions on how to download this are on the TBOWA website. If you have any concerns or problems regarding your child's report please don't hesitate to contact their mentor in the first instance.

I know many of you have previously downloaded 'Weduc' which is a new digital communication and engagement tool that has been designed specifically to improve the way that parents and school staff communicate. If you experience any issues downloading WEDUC, instructions can be found on the school website found here: <https://www.tbowa.org/parents/weduc> or alternatively please contact Jade Newman using the following email: jade.newman@tbowa.org.

This is a challenging time for us all with the removal of formal exams that our students have been working so hard to prepare for. We do know that the exam season that we were expecting to happen, will now not happen, and that grades will come from exam boards once centres have submitted their assessments of students' knowledge, skills and understanding. We also know that unlike last year, students still have five more months to positively influence their grades.

Ofqual are still in their consultation phase however students will probably be assessed in May/June. Schools will be assessing using a 'breadth of evidence' although it has not yet been confirmed exactly what this will consist of. As this information is not clear to us and because your continued learning is important to us all, it is important that you continue to work at home with as much dedication to your learning as possible. As soon as we have more detailed information from the Department of Education, we will write to confirm our plans moving forward.

The key message to all of our students who are going to receive grades this summer are:

- You must continue to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and understanding that you will need for your next steps/future education.
- You can take ownership now and shape your future – every minute counts!
- Your mentors and teachers are all here to support you pastorally and with your learning

I know that most of your children will feel disappointed, frustrated or anxious but they must remain determined to succeed. If they all focus on their studies over the coming weeks, it will make the eventual transition back to school more fluid and hopefully lead to successful outcomes.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend
Kellie Bird