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Dear parents and carers,

RE: Year 10 information

Please find attached the curriculum overview for the Summer Term. I also wanted to write to you with further information regarding qualifications and transition.

Qualifications

- **WJEC Entry Level Pathways (Options lessons)**- students have been working hard to complete units in their option subjects. These units have now all been moderated and these credits will be added to their credits in Year 11 towards their final qualifications.
- **AQA Certificate in PSE** - students work towards this qualification in WRL and PSHE. Due to the lockdown, the exam board has given us an extension until June to finish off the last bits of course work from the Spring Term. On June 18th we will claim all the units the students have completed.
- **Functional Skills (English, Maths and ICT)** – Usually students in Year 10 have the opportunity to sit exams in the Summer term to enable them to work towards higher levels, if appropriate, in Year 11. We find this takes the pressure off the students for their final year in school. We have been waiting for Ofqual/ DfE decisions on Functional Skills. As these qualifications have 'on-demand' shorter assessments they have been permitted to continue to proceed as long as they are delivered in line with public health measures and guidelines. Therefore, we wanted to let you know that some students **will be taking** their assessments in levels they are secure in this term between May 10th and 21st. I wanted to assure you, as always, we will make these assessments as calm a time as possible and will continue to implement protective measures during these times.

Transition to Post 16

Now the restrictions have started to ease we have been working closely with the staff team at Petroc to start working on transition to post 16. We start this as early as possible to enable students to have plenty of opportunities to become more familiar with the post 16 environment.

- **Petroc Tutor Visits** – On Thursday 29th April Tutors from Petroc will be coming into school to talk to each class. This will be a friendly meet for students to put names to faces and ask a few questions.



- **Class visits to Petroc** - Classes are now able to plan informal visits to Petroc, North Devon. The Liberty Centre is now open for take away food/drink and the plan is for classes to walk up to Petroc for a drink/snack outside and have a chance to meet with Petroc tutors. Your child's Tutor will notify you of specific dates.

We will continue to work together to support the students through their transition and I will continue to keep you updated.

We will keep you posted with any further information as and when it arrives. If you have any further questions please contact your child's tutor or myself.

Kind regards,



Tamsin Winter

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