The Eastwood Academy

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20th April 2020

Re: Year 10

Dear Parent,

Understandably, as school closures continue, you will have concerns about your child's preparedness for their GCSE examinations in the summer of 2021. Whilst it is difficult to offer any firm reassurances at this stage, I hope I can alleviate some of your concerns.

Firstly, the Academy operates a 3-year KS4 programme i.e. GCSE courses begin in Year 9. In short, your child has already covered a significant amount of their GCSE courses. Given that this is not a national policy and the expectation is that GCSE courses begin in Year 10, the impact of school closures is likely to be reduced for your child.

Secondly, I am also looking at ways in which 'lost time' can be made up. For Year 11 pupils, the Academy operates a Revision, Intervention and Subject Enhancement (RISE) Programme which typically begins in November/December. It is my intention to bring this forward to September.

Thirdly, the DfE and examination boards are looking at a range of options to ensure that Year 10 pupils are not disproportionately disadvantaged. I will look to share these with you, as and when they are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. N. Houchen
Principal