



Dear Student,

I hope you are well and not missing your school, friends, and teachers too much. I have missed having you around and seeing you each day to have a chat or even just to say hello! and my colleagues have also missed you and teaching you face to face. It is frustrating that the closure of our school has disrupted your education in the way that it has, and I appreciate that the continuity of your learning in Year 11 has been somewhat disrupted, especially if you were due to sit summer examinations. Therefore, I have attached a key Question and Answer table to the back of this letter to help you understand how your performance in subject courses will now be assessed and continued to completion in year 12.

I know being away from school and working from home will not have been easy for you, so I intend to make your transition into Year 12 to continue your education as smooth as possible considering the challenging times the Breda community will face with implementing measures to protect you and your families from COVID 19. The Education Minister, Peter Weir, confirmed on the 2nd June 2020 that the Department of Education for Northern Ireland has started its **Restart Programme** which will put in place the detailed arrangements which will enable a safe reopening of schools. The Education Minister said;

"Subject to medical guidance and safety it would be my aim to see a phased reopening of schools, beginning with a limited provision for key cohort years in late August, followed by phased provision for all pupils at the beginning of September. This will not be a return to school as it was prior to COVID 19, but rather a new normal reflective of social distancing and a medically safe regime. For all pupils it will involve a schedule with a mixture of school attendance and remote learning at home."

Breda Academy will adhere with the set guidelines and I will inform you and your parents/carers how these will be implemented in our school setting. I will send you a further update by letter in due course about what we are doing and you will also receive a Welcome Back Pack outlining your attendance at school schedule, 'blended' learning guidance (in school and at home) and possible changes to our normal school routine including school bus timetables.

Please continue with your set work for each subject on Google Classrooms until at least the end of June as this will prevent you from falling behind and having to catch-up on missed learning. I wish you an enjoyable and safe summer break and I very much look forward to seeing you again most likely in late August or early September and please do not worry about your return to school as I know my staff team will work tirelessly to support you and take care of you, so you make lots of progress in your next year of learning.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Perry - Acting Principal





YEAR 11 SUMMER EXAMS 2020 Q & A

I was due to sit a Year 11 CCEA unit exam paper in May/June 2020. What happens next?	<p>The Year 11 CCEA unit exams are not taking place this Summer and students will not be receiving a result for these units this August. Instead, CCEA is offering 2 options for the next academic year (Year 12):</p> <p>A. Students can sit the Year 12 exams <u>only</u> (Summer 2021). The Year 11 unit exams they expected to sit in May-June 2020 will be awarded a mark by CCEA, using predictions calculated from the student's performance in the Year 12 GCSE exam papers.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B. Students can sit <u>all</u> of their GCSE exams in Year 12 at the end of their two years of GCSE study (Year 11 unit exams and Year 12 unit exams).</p> <p>Subject teachers will discuss these options and their implications with students and families at a future date.</p>
Will I receive any GCSE/Level 2 results this August?	<p>The only Year 11 students receiving results this Summer will be those who have studied a CCEA Occupational Studies pathway this academic year (e.g. Business, Childcare, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Patisserie and Sport) and students who completed the Wider Key Skills qualification.</p> <p>Year 11 Occupational Studies results will be awarded by the Exam Board CCEA and will be based upon Centre Assessment Grades. Centre Assessment Grades are based upon internal evidence and are a considered judgement of the most likely grade a student would have achieved in their Occupational Studies Units this academic year.</p>
Will my qualification courses continue into Year 12?	<p>Yes, Year 11 qualification courses will continue into Year 12, this includes CCEA, BTEC and OCN subjects.</p> <p>Students who studied a CCEA Occupational Studies pathway in Year 11 will begin a new CCEA Occupational Studies pathway in Year 12.</p>
Is there an option to repeat Year 11?	<p>There is no option available to repeat Year 11 as all Year 11 students will continue into Year 12 when the new academic year begins in September 2020.</p>

