



12th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Assalaamu Alaikum / Peace Be Upon You

I pray that this letter finds you and your family safe, well and in good spirits during this holy month of Ramadhan.

I am writing to you to give an overview of arrangements for your daughter's final weeks in Year 11 at Eden Girls' School, Slough.

The last GCSE assessments will take place Friday 28th May.

Your daughter's final day of learning will be **Friday 25th June**.

On **Monday 7th June**, all Y11 pupils will attend school for their '**Eden Futures**' launch event. After this day, until her final official day at Eden Girls' School, your daughter will take part in our '**Eden Futures**' programme. This has been designed to give her the resources, support and skills needed to make a successful transition to the next phase of her education. The programme will be online with support provided by our teachers.

Details of the **Eden Futures** programme is attached below with more information to follow.

Please also note these key dates:

Friday 28th May- Year 11 Leavers Farewell Assembly

Friday 25th June - Year 11 Leavers Celebration event

Thursday 12th August - GCSE Results Day

Further details will be given to you and your daughter about each of these in future correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact the school for more information.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Antikhab Aslam
Deputy Principal



Year 11 Eden Futures Programme (June 2021)

Week commencing Monday 7th June 2021.

- All students will attend school for our **Eden Futures launch event on Monday 7th June.**
- Students will attend in full school uniform on Monday 7th June.

Date	Activity	Timings	Notes
Mon 7 th June	Eden Futures Launch	8:15am- 1:45pm	All students attend school to prepare for the next stage of their learning. Students will undertake two workshops run by Royal Holloway University, aimed at preparing them for Sixth Form, College and Beyond.

- From Tuesday 8th June selected students will be asked to attend for additional support. All other students will study from home.
- Contact will be made with those students who are required to be on site for other days of this week. This may be to complete catch-up work on assessments, receive further career support and guidance or to complete volunteering activities.
- Bespoke correspondence will be sent.
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From Tuesday 8th June 2021 until Thursday 24th June 2021.

Students will work independently at home to complete a range of online and booklet-based tasks related to their Level 3 A Level and BTEC choices.

Our bespoke **Eden Futures Microsoft Team** will contain support and guidance on external online courses and activities your daughter can complete that will further enhance her learning and help prepare her for future studies.

What support and resources are being provided?

- On Monday 7th June we will provide a bespoke pack of resources to act as a bridging activity between Year 11 and Year 12.
- A transition booklet of activities will be available for every subject.
- These are designed by A level specialists in the various subjects and contain between 15-20 hours of work.
- It is recommended that students complete these as they are designed to prepare students for the rigour of A Level/Level 3 study.
- It is likely that sixth form providers and colleges will also provide their own transition resources and we recommend contacting them to ask for guidance.

We will also be promoting the completion of online courses across a range of platforms including:

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs): www.futurelearn.com/courses

- MOOCs are developed by Higher Education providers as a way of increasing public participation in learning.
- FuturLearn is the largest UK provider and require that you register to participate in a course.
- All the courses are free and are designed to be applicable to all subjects and future careers.
- Students select a course that they feel is most suitable to them and go through a range of video segments, short exercises and quizzes to develop their knowledge.
- Once completed there is an option to purchase a completion certificate for around £20-50 depending on the course.
- Participation in MOOCs provide a good opportunity for students to enhance their skills in a specific subject or future career area. In addition to this they build vital independent skills and are acknowledged by higher education providers who value the skills developed.

- It is important that every student makes the most of every opportunity available during this extended summer break to keep learning skills high and to build evidence of independent study.

Reed employment Level 2 courses: <https://www.reed.co.uk/courses/free/online>

- 151 free courses available such as Cybersecurity, Forensic Psychology, Nutrition and Health, Understanding Autism, Business and Administration. The level 2 courses will suit most Year 11 students.

USA MOOC providers (Harvard University): <https://online-learning.harvard.edu/catalog/free>

- Browse the latest free online courses from Harvard University, including "CS50's Introduction to Game Development" and "CS50's Web Programming with Python and JavaScript."

Career guidance: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

- BBC Bitesize has information on careers for school leavers. This includes 'where can your favourite subject take you?', explore careers by job sectors, apprenticeships and starting college.

Mentoring and staying in touch:

- We are likely to ask some students to attend school between Monday 7th June until Friday 25th June to provide face to face support that supports the transition to sixth form or college.
- If we ask a student to attend school, it is vital they do so because it is for their own development and wellbeing.
- To stay in touch with most students, they will attend online mentoring sessions via our Eden Futures Microsoft Team.
- Students will be put into mentoring groups and provided with an academic mentor who best fits their future plans.
- Students will be asked to meet with their mentor weekly and will be allocated a time slot.
- These sessions will provide a valuable opportunity for students to receive further guidance and bespoke support.

We will also use our Eden Futures Microsoft Team to post daily updates/key notices and further resources and guidance that will help develop vital employability and academic skills.

We encourage and expect students to visit the site daily and to play an active role in participating in activities posted.

Friday 25th June 2021

We intend to have our leavers celebration on Friday 25th June. Please look out for further information from Mrs Warsame.