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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great pride that we say goodbye to our first ever Year 11 cohort at JQA. Seeing them complete their final exam as a whole cohort, before they left the building for what may have been the last time, on Friday 14th June, was powerful and students / staff alike were somewhat emotional. Throughout their time at JQA, the year group have evolved and developed well, and are going to be fondly remembered for their tenacity and hard work. We hope that all students receive the results that they deserve. From a personal point of view, I have been struck by the high level of student engagement with Saturday school, holiday classes and exam boosters. This commitment will have had a very positive effect on preparations for assessments this year.

Students' final assembly had been scheduled for Wednesday 12th June. Unfortunately, we had an issue with the fire alarms, which meant that we had to run exams in a slightly different way to that scheduled. Sadly, this meant that the assembly could not go ahead and could not be placed anywhere else on the calendar. We are deeply disappointed that we could not mark the end of such a historical period in JQA's short history with an event to celebrate Year 11's departure. As such, we will be delivering the presentation at this Thursday's prom. We realise that not all students will be in attendance and so we will be sending all Year 11 students a copy of the piece, as a keepsake. We are yet to finalise whether this will be delivered on memory stick or a link to a file, but - for us - it is important that all students go away with something to remember us by.

G.C.S.E. Results Day is going to be held at JQA on Thursday 22nd August, from 0900. On the day, students are expected to arrive no later than 0930, so that we can help them analyse their results and support with post-16 destinations. We have asked that representatives from South and City College, as well as the Admissions Team from University College Birmingham (UCB), be present on the day to give advice to students about possible courses and entry requirements.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support and generosity over the last five years. Without this, we would not be where we are, and your son / daughter will not have made the progress that they have. It is this precious relationship that results in better outcomes for all.

Please do keep in touch with the Academy. Our support for our students does not end at Year 11; we have a duty of care to support each and every one well into the future and we are available at all times for guidance.

Kind regards,



Mr. G. Williams.
Headteacher