



10 May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

End of Year 11

As we move through the Teacher-Assessed Grading process, I would like to confirm some key dates and events in the weeks ahead.

The confirmed date for Year 11 to leave school is Friday 25 June. After this date students will not be expected to attend school and will be free to enjoy a well-deserved summer break after the demands of the COVID lockdown and TAG process.

Formal face-to-face teaching will end on Friday 28 May as the TAG process will be complete for the vast majority of students at this point. A small number of students whose TAG portfolios need additional work will be expected to attend additional sessions in the week beginning 7 June. In line with Government guidance, a full programme of post-16 transition and careers activities will be provided for students from Monday 7 June. We are working with the National Citizen Service to run a very exciting programme which will be a tremendous benefit to students in their next steps and when your child is invited to be in school, we would welcome your support in ensuring their attendance. Students will not be required to wear uniform at this stage and will participate in a variety of activities before completing a social action project which can be included on CVs and in job applications in the future. In order to register your child and to allow us to share their details with NCS please complete this very quick google form:

<https://forms.gle/7vndTL63u9iSd6BS9>

Further details of the NCS programme will be shared soon and we would be grateful if you could complete medical forms as soon as they are sent out. Students will also have a further careers interview during this period to ensure that they have a clear destination for next year.

I understand that students will want to mark their time in school with a celebration. Although COVID restrictions prevent us from organising a traditional 'Prom', we do intend to celebrate the class of 2021 in a way which we feel is fitting but which also complies with COVID guidelines and we do hope that students enjoy the surprises we have planned. Year 11 form a bubble within school and as such are allowed to socialise with each other; we are therefore permitted to hold a whole year group celebration on site.

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As such, we are delighted to inform you that all students will be invited to a Leavers' Celebration on the evening of Friday 28 May in the school hall. We anticipate that this will take place from 6.30pm to 9.30pm although final details will be confirmed once Government guidance is updated next week. Students may wish to wear 'party clothes' but I must stress that this is not a Prom, nor does it require Prom clothing. The document below shares key messages regarding the Leavers' Celebration and I would ask that you share these with your child.

I would like to thank you for supporting the school and your child during this challenging period. Whilst this has been far from a normal 'exam' period, students have risen to the challenge of TAGs and continue to do so. It is vital that they continue to maintain their concentration and try as hard as possible during the exams to help achieve their potential. We can then look ahead to exciting events which will help students make memories which will no doubt last a lifetime.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Welsh

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Principal



ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 11 CELEBRATION EVENT 2021

- Date: Friday 28 May 2021
- Timings: 6.30-9.30pm
We would be grateful if you could ensure your child makes specific arrangements for the end of the night at 9.30pm. Staff will remain at school until the last student has safely departed.
- Ticket Price: FREE
- Dietary Requirements: If your child has any special dietary requirements please could you inform Mrs Simpson at the school.
- Photographs: Photographs will be taken throughout the night and students will be able to take their own photographs. The general photographs taken will be shared with students to download via a shared drive. If you would prefer your child not to feature in any images please inform Mrs Simpson.
- Behaviour: Students are expected to behave in an exemplary fashion at this event – staff will be on hand to supervise and any student behaving unacceptably or inappropriately will be sent home.
- Alcohol: Any student who arrives under the influence of drink/drugs or who has been obviously drinking alcohol will not be allowed entry and parents will be contacted to take them home. If parents are not available then we will contact the Police as we cannot take responsibility for students who cannot be responsible for themselves.
- Smoking/Vaping: We do not expect any student to be smoking/vaping within school or in the vicinity. Any student who is seen to be smoking/vaping will be sent home.

We are looking forward to a good natured and enjoyable final event for our Year 11 students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the ongoing support you give to your child and the School.