



17th May 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Year 11 Update

Firstly, I would like to express how proud I am of our year 11 students. Despite the very challenging circumstances linked to Covid-19, the students have shown resilience, responsibility and perseverance towards their education.

I am fully aware that it is a very stressful time for students; mainly due to the amount of assessments they are completing as evidence for their GCSE grades. Staff are working tirelessly to give our students every opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills to achieve the grades they deserve.

Students' final day in school is Friday 18th June. Throughout the remaining four weeks, lessons will either include an assessment to support your child's GCSE grades, or content designed to prepare your child for their next assessment in each particular subject. This means every single lesson counts towards your child's GCSE grades. Therefore, it is imperative that all students set themselves a target of 100% attendance for the next four weeks.

If students are in isolation due to their behaviour or for not meeting school expectations, it will have a detrimental effect on their grades, as they will not be able to complete their assessments under the same level of control as students participating in lessons. My Year 11 assembly on Friday outlined expectations clearly to our students.

I would ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school on time and in the correct uniform.

As a reminder, our Behaviour Policy clearly states that students are prohibited from wearing false eyelashes and false nails. Students also need to be in appropriate footwear. If your child has false eyelashes or nails, they will need to be removed by no later than Monday 24th May. Any student not complying with the rules will be isolated until the situation is resolved.

Leavers Assembly - Friday 18th June 2021

The assembly will start at approximately 2pm and run until 3pm, when all Year 11 students will need to leave the school site. Parents are not able to attend the leavers' assembly as it allows students the opportunity to say their goodbyes to each other.

If you are yet to send me a photo of your child (between the age of birth and 5 years) please do so by no later than Friday 28th May. If you are not able to send it via email, I am happy to receive a print photo and return it back to your child.

We are awaiting updated government guidance, as to whether students will be able to sign shirts and leavers' books. A decision on this will be communicated closer to the time.

Prom - Friday 25th June 2021

We are still awaiting government guidance on whether the Prom is able to proceed as planned. With the new COVID-19 variant, it is very likely that if Prom does go ahead, restrictions will have to be implemented to ensure the safety of all involved. These restrictions may include, no dancing on the dance floor and spectators not being able to watch the student arrival at Knights Hill Hotel. We will update you as soon as we are able to.

Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' hoodies will be available to order online in the very near future. Details will be shared in due course. Orders should be available to collect at school on GCSE results day in August.

Results Day – Thursday 12th August 2021

Plans will be subject to the latest government advice regarding COVID-19. However, it is likely that students will be allocated a time slot between 10 and 11am to collect their results from our main reception area.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this academic year, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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