



27th April 2021

Dear Parents of Year 13,

This is a challenging term for our Year 13 students and I am impressed with the way they are coping with all the demands upon them. I would like to share with you some information about this term and important dates.

The students are sitting assessments each week in all the subjects they do, the results of these, together with their mocks and all previous work will be used to inform the Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs). By now departments have a wide range of evidence and are moderating and checking to ensure the grades awarded are a good representation of the students' work and are clearly evidenced (the students' timed work is all being kept by teachers, as is any coursework they have done). I am very pleased to see the students managing the routine of assessments well, revising hard and being very mature about the necessity of all these timed pieces of work.

As we look ahead I thought I would share with you the plans for the rest of term.

Formal lessons for Year 13 will end at breaktime on May 28th 2021, the last Friday of term, unless they have a green assessment scheduled for periods 3, 4, or 5 in which case they need to be in for that.

Sadly, government regulations mean we are not allowed to host a whole year group gathering on site until the restrictions are lifted. Therefore while it might be their last day of lessons, we would like to invite them back in to school after half term, probably in June, for a leavers' assembly or event.

In practical terms this means that on Friday May 28th:

- If they have a green assessment that day they must be in for that assessment
- If they have lessons p 1 or 2 they should come in and then leave at break
- If they only have lessons after period 3 they need not come in unless they have a scheduled assessment in p 3 or 4, or 5.
- If they have no lessons that day, they need not come in
- As we cannot host large groups on site for a celebration they should not come in and gather on site, instead they should be patient and wait for the leavers event after half term.

A Leavers assembly/event will be after half term, in June, when restrictions have been lifted.

All textbooks etc need to be returned to the library before May 28th and students will receive their deposit back if all books are returned.

After May half term we are likely to offer year 13 some optional sessions in school to help prepare for life beyond PHSG e.g. the UCAS process/clearing and other topics should they wish to have any more advice.

This is an entirely optional offer, students can choose whether they wish to come in again after half term if the sessions offered are appropriate for them; lessons and AL courses will have finished. Details will follow.

Results day is 10th August 2021. Details of arrangements will be given out before students leave school on May 28th.

We wish all the Year 13 students good luck in their remaining assessments, and all the very best for their results.

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