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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11 Students

Our Year II students have been a credit to themselves, our academy and to their families. We are now looking at how we support students over the exam weeks and how we will end the year.

### Support over the exam weeks

The formal sit down exams start on Tuesday 17th May. Students will be in the academy full time until the end of Fri 17th June. During this time students will have a timetable specific to the courses they are taking which is a mixture of their current timetable and masterclasses on the run up to each exam. It is important that all students attend in full, on time and wearing academy uniform over this time for their lessons, pre exam masterclasses and the actual exams. It is vital that students are present for every exam applicable to them unless they have Covid. Following the behaviour and conduct expectations set by the exam boards and the academy are imperative.

# Week commencing Monday 20th June

Students have a science exam on the Monday and Thursday. During this specific week students will have a different timetable and will not be in the academy full time, they will have some science revision sessions and some personal development sessions.

#### Leaving event on Thursday 23rd June

After the final exam for all students on the morning of Thursday 23rd June, students will have a break and then have an opportunity to do shirt signing (this must be on a separate shirt to the one they wore to the academy that morning) and will then leave the site. For students to be invited to this final event their attendance and behaviour must continue to be outstanding over the final weeks, for any student whose behaviour has not been acceptable they will leave the site immediately after the final exam that morning. All students will leave site between 10.15am and 11.50am. Students who have paid for or won a leavers hoodie will be taking these home with them on this day.

#### Uniform

We will be asking students to donate uniform they do not need (especially ties) to our vintage rail in the academy, these items are given to any student for free. Donated ties can be left with us on Thursday 23rd June and any other uniform you can donate can be left in the green bin outside of main reception - thank you for your support with any uniform donations.

### Friday 24th June, is the official leaving date

From the end of the final exam on Thursday 23rd June we have in place a programme of virtual learning opportunities for students to engage in. These sessions look at preparing and stepping up for Post 16 learning including masterclass introduction lessons for some Level 3 (eg A-Level) courses and a continuation of our careers programme. The link for this is here: <a href="https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/clickformasterclasses/home">https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/clickformasterclasses/home</a>

# Exam Contingency Day - Wednesday 29th June

This is the final date the exam boards can move an exam to if for some reason one is cancelled. Please ensure that your child is available up to and including this day. Please do not make any holiday etc arrangements until after this date.

# Celebration Prom Tuesday 5 July

Tickets are now on sale for the YII Prom which will take place at Rogerthorpe Manor Hotel WF9 IAB and are priced at £30 which includes venue hire, DJ, buffet and photographer. The Prom will commence at 7:30pm and will end at 10:00pm. It is parents/carers responsibility to ensure their arrival and collection from the event.

# GCSE results day is Thursday 25th August

This will be when students will receive their statement of results. Further information will follow regarding this day and for the subsequent collection of the actual certificates in the Autumn Term. It is very important that students collect these certificates as they will need these as evidence for their future courses and careers. They are very expensive for you to purchase in future years from the exam boards if not collected from us. If you or your family believe we may still have your exam certificates please come to main reception with photo ID and we will check this for you.

# Next Steps Following Year 11

All students leaving our Academy currently have a positive destination and will be starting either college or apprenticeship in September 2022. If any students want to change the course they are doing they would initially need to contact the college to discuss this further. We are also available to discuss options going forward whilst providing independent careers advice in September if they are unable to secure a destination following their results.

On behalf of all the staff in the academy, thank you for working with us to support your child.

Kind regards

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Lisa Allott

Principal

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