

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find the most recent and relevant information regarding Year 13. I hope that you are all well and do not hesitate to contact the school, should you need to. We will endeavour to assist and support you as best we can. Engagement, focus and determination to succeed continues to be what we see from our Year 13 students, fulfilling the motto: Be kind, Work hard, Succeed together.

**What's coming up?**

**Year 13 Final week of lessons after the Easter break, will be on week commencing 6.5.24. The final day will be Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May of that week. Do not book flights until after the contingency date of 26.6.24.**

**Return of text books and other materials on loan from the school**

Your son / daughter will have a number of textbooks that have been provided on loan by the school to support their education and preparation for their assessments. It is vital that these are returned on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May to their subject teachers. Parents will understand that the school cannot afford losses through the non-return of books/school equipment.

**Did you know?**

**Attendance**

Attendance has now been reviewed and will once again be reported to you accurately. Thank you for your patience and understanding here.

We hope that you have been finding the session6, revision conferences and forthcoming Easter Revision dates productive as we prepare in full. Do ensure that you are aware, subject teachers have been sending home past papers, model answers, mark schemes, QLAs and strategies for revision, as presented by myself and Mr Grant on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your kind feedback about this evening and we are glad it was insightful and of use.

**Year 13 Celebration**

Following my previous correspondence, we wish to say a fond farewell to our Year 13 students. Therefore, we have put on a morning of music, games and free food to allow for some heart-felt goodbyes between staff and students. As we are still operating a normal school day for our other Year groups, I ask that students arrive from 8:40am through the Drama Studios, where they will be directed to the main, upper field after an initial assembly. Students will hopefully join us, and will depart school from 11:10am onwards. Site must be clear of all Year 13 students by 11:30am.

Note: Any student found to be consuming or carrying alcohol, will need to be collected by a parent/carers immediately from main reception.

Importantly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Student Leadership Team for their efforts in organising this event for their peers, who have been steadfast and efficient in booking all of these events, to ensure a celebration can be had.

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**Cashless Catering Accounts**

Students leaving the school have the options of any remaining money in their cashless catering account being refunded to their parent(s), transferred to a younger brother's or sister's account or donated to charity. The Finance Office should be informed about which is preferred. Any money remaining in unused accounts after 30<sup>th</sup> September will be cleared and donated to the school's charities, Save The Children and Willen Hospice. After this date no refunds or transfers will be possible.

**Results**

Students will receive their exam results in School this year, or if preferred these can be attained by a peer or other family member if we have received consent from you, as Parent, to do so on your Son or Daughter's behalf. This should be sent to the exam officer's email by on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Exam results are regarded as an individual's exclusive property and we regret that we cannot email them to parents. If students wish their results to be posted to them, they will need to provide a stamped addressed envelope to the Exams Office by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**What further opportunities exist for Year 13?**

If your Son/Daughter already has access arrangements for their exams, please note that these will already be taking place, well practise with subject Teachers in the final Progress Review most recently in Year 13.

Please remember that our careers Team remain on call to support your son/daughter at this transitional phase. Ms Moulds, myself and Mr Grant will also be able to support or offer further guidance and information should students require it, once they leave us on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

There are also a range of summer schools, operating remotely and face to face now too, so please do not hesitate to contact us, should you wish to know more.

In my closing statement of term 2, I would like to say how much I have admired the enthusiasm and effort Year 13 have made over this past two terms of study. It has been a rewarding time academically for each of them, as a result I shall remember each of them fondly for their determination to succeed, that surpasses our expectations so far. Last push everyone, and thank you to you as parents, in support of the school also.

Kind regards

James Moore

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