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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Grading 2021**

Our Year 11 students have responded very well to the arrangements that we have put in place for the gathering of evidence towards their grading. Next week, they will receive guidance and details of the evidence that we are using from each subject area. If any mitigating factors exist that students want to make the school aware of, they must follow the guidance and alert us.

## **Timeline and Celebrations - Reminder & Leaving Arrangements Information**

The final day of normal lessons is Friday, 28 May 2021.

There is an optional programme in place after half term, Mr Devlin will be sending out information next week and our Y11 students can sign up for any sessions that interest them.

On Friday 11 June, from 09.30 to 13.00, there will be a 'Farewell Event' which includes a liturgy, some form time, a leaver's assembly, lunch and 'shirt signing'. Students will also receive their 'Celebration Event – June 24<sup>th</sup> invitation on this day and their 'hoodie' (if they have ordered one). If your child cannot be dropped or collected at these times, they will be supervised in an allocated room until they are collected or buses arrive. We ask that students bring a spare shirt to sign. COVID guidelines will be followed at all times.

## **Celebration Event**

The student leadership team, with the assistance of Mrs Billington, is organising our celebration event. The date we have planned is Thursday 24 June 2021. Arrival from 5.30pm with food served at 6.30pm. The event finishes at 9.30pm. The dress code is 'smart attire'.

Please do not spend money on expensive clothing, accessories and transport. As you will appreciate, we cannot guarantee this event, it is dependent on the national guidance that is in place at the time. Students are also aware that it is at the Headteacher's and Mr Devlin's discretion if they can attend. Students have been informed that they will not be able to attend if there are any issues or incidents in the preceding weeks.

Thanks again to our wonderful staff who are helping out with donations and supervision; this could not take place without their help. Staff will still have to 'socially distance' to avoid being a 'close contact' if someone later tests positive. Year 11 will be allowed to sit with their friends because they are a 'bubble'. If anyone has symptoms, tests positive or is self-isolating at the time of the event they will be unable to attend. As we said in our last letter, we are hoping that if things go to plan and restrictions are lifted further, parents will be able to come onto the school site to take photographs!

We thank you for your continued support and hope that this letter further clarifies current arrangements. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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