

10 June 2021

Dear Parents

First and foremost, congratulations to the Year 11 and Year 13 students who have just finished their final assessments. It has been an incredibly challenging two years for both these groups of students and we are very impressed with the way they have adapted to the many challenges they have encountered during this pandemic. We hope the next few years will progress relatively smoothly and they have the chance to excel at Sixth Form, University, an apprenticeship or the world of work.

This Year 13 have been an exceptional group of students and I hope they have a wonderful day at Thorpe Park, an enjoyable Leavers' BBQ, and a great celebration at the Leavers' Ball later this month. One of the perks of being a teacher is not only the 10 % discount at Morrisons (sadly, gone) but also getting the chance to go to these events and spend some time with the lads in a more informal setting. Thankfully I have avoided the rollercoaster trip but will look forward to sharing some food and drink with the year group at the other events.

Year 11 - Into the Sixth

We hope your son is embracing the opportunity to hit the ground running in his chosen A levels for next year. Should he have any trouble accessing or completing the tasks, please do contact the Subject Leader. These preparation weeks made a great difference last year to the current Year 12 students.

Teacher Assessed Grades

Staff are working most diligently on the challenge of marking, grading and moderating the internal assessments before submitting the TAGs.

Results Days are Year 13 on Tuesday 10 August and Year 11 on Thursday 12 August. More details to follow from the Exams Office.

Internal Exams Study Leave

We hope your son is using this Study Leave period well and we are hoping to see some pleasing internal exam results in the coming weeks. This is the first time we have provided study leave for these exams and we eagerly await the results.

The first Physical Activity Day went incredibly well yesterday. There were lots of smiling and sweaty faces across the sporting areas. It was a pleasure to see and I am sure the next two days will also be a success.

Trips

We have been overwhelmed by the response to the trips we are offering towards the end of term. It must be a combination of wanting to give your sons an experience of going away and wanting your sons to simply go away and give you a break. I would sign my 3 kids up to anything and everything if I could!

LFD tests

Finally, can I please urge you to ensure your son continues to test twice a week with the LFD tests. We know the Delta variant is increasing rapidly and we need to do all we can to keep the School safe and open to everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
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Deputy Headmaster