

28th March 2024

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

Leaving Arrangements for Year 11

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the leaving arrangements for Year 11 students. The final day of teaching for Year 11 students will be on **Tuesday 7th May**. However, students are welcome to attend their timetabled lessons up until May half-term if they wish to receive extra revision support for their upcoming exams. Throughout the exam period, we will be running some optional exam warm-up sessions prior to each exam to help students get 'in the zone' and do some last-minute revision; these will take place roughly an hour before each exam.

Year 11 Celebration Day – Wednesday 8th May 2024

On Wednesday 8th May, we will be holding the Year 11 Celebration event – this event is only for Year 11 students. The planned structure of the day is as follows:

Morning: Study Leave – Year 11 students are not allowed on site without prior permission.

- 12:15pm: Students permitted on site and go directly to their form room to register.

 School uniform is required for the occasion. Students not in uniform will not be able to attend the event. Once registered, the form will go to the Main Hall.
- 12:30pm: Celebration Assembly commences. The event is for students only. There will be Year 11 Leavers' awards and some speeches.
- 1pm: Celebration Assembly ends and Year 11 students exit the Hall and make their way, via The Bee Hive, onto the school field for shirt-signing. An optional choice of either chicken and chips or a vegan sausage roll and chips meal will need to be pre-ordered by following this link: https://forms.gle/X5gKehiz2Mc8hg8g7 and paying in advance on ParentPay (by Tuesday, 16th April 2024). Students will be issued with a ticket on the day to allow them to collect their food.

There will also be an ice cream van on the field from 1:30pm and students can purchase icecreams on the day with cash or card (approximately £2 each.)

Students will also be able to collect and sign each other's Year Books, if they have ordered one, and school shirts! Teachers will be on hand also, if students wish to collect their signatures.

3pm: Year 11 students will leave the site and go home, directly from the sports field. I do not expect students to loiter around and make a nuisance of themselves within the local community before or after the event.

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Signing Off Day - Friday 14th June 2024

After Easter, you will receive a letter regarding the arrangements for returning iPads. Prom tickets will also be issued on this day, which is the day of the last whole year group exam (Physics). If your child has a PE textbook to return, it will need to be returned on or before this day and iPads will need to be handed back to collect a Prom ticket.

Year 11 Prom - Thursday 4th July 2024

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 4th July 2024 at Farnham Castle. Students attending the Prom are expected to behave in a sensible manner. Students who arrive 'under the influence', or without a ticket, will be refused admittance. Farnham Castle is a licensed premises and no alcohol will be served to students.

The Prom starts at 7.30pm (arrival from 7.00pm) and ends at 10.30pm. If students are travelling by coach from Tomlinscote, the coach will be leaving at 6.30pm. Further details regarding the Year 11 Prom will be sent in due course.

I hope the above information explains what is happening over these two special occasions for your child and that you understand and support the rules and arrangements that we operate.

'Celebration Day' is always a very special day. The arrangements are designed to ensure that Year 11 students remember it for all the right reasons.

Finally, we would welcome any donations of items of unwanted school uniform. If you can donate items, then please drop them into the main visitor reception.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Major Principal